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The Viking Age: the Early History, Manners, and Customs of the Ancestors of the English-speaking Nations. Illustrated from the Antiquities discovered in Mounds, Caves, and Bogs, as well as from the Ancient Sagas and Eddas. By Paul B. Du Chaillu. 2 vols. With 1,366 Illustrations and Map. (Murray.)

In these volumes Mr. Du Chaillu has given an interesting and valuable, though in many points somewhat uncritical, account of the manners and institutions of the ancient inhabitants of Scandinavia. The subject has undoubtedly strong claims on the attention of Englishmen, because it is admitted on all hands that the Scandinavian invaders of the ninth and succeeding centuries have furnished a highly important element to the composition of the English people. Mr. Du Chaillu, however, is not content with this admission, but endeavours to prove that the earlier Teutonic settlers in Britain, "the so-called Angles and Saxons," belonged to the Scandinavian branch of the family. So far as the Angles are concerned this crude paradox is not altogether new; but the author is, perhaps, entitled to the distinction of being the first to apply it to the founders of the Wessex kingdom. What Mr. Du Chaillu has to say about the origin of the English, however, occupies only twenty-six pages out of the eleven hundred of which his work consists. The arguments adduced in favour of the novel theory are so confused and inconsistent that it is not easy to give any coherent analysis of them, or even, in some cases, to discover what they are intended to prove. In the first place, Mr. Du Chaillu urges that the Sueones (whom he rightly identifies with the Svíar who gave their name to Sverige, Sweden) are said by Tacitus not only to be powerful on land, but to have "mighty fleets." This is an absurdly over-emphatic representation of Tacitus's words, "præter viros armaque classibus valent"; but this sort of exaggera-tion is characteristic of Mr. Du Chaillu's method of argument. He goes on to say that with "such fleets" the Sueones cannot be supposed never to have sailed further west than Frisia; therefore, it seems, we are to take it for granted that in or before the time of Tacitus they had already begun to colonize Britain. Then Mr. Du Chaillu

passes to the Veneti of Brittany, whom, without a particle of evidence, he affirms to have been "in all probability the advance-guard of the tribes of the north," i.e., of Scandinavian origin; and he remarks that "the similarity of the name [Veneti] to that of the Venedi, who are conjecturally placed by Tacitus on the shores of the Baltic, and to the Vends, so frequently mentioned in the Sagas, can scarcely be regarded as a mere accident." The resemblance is curious enough—for that matter, there were Veneti on the Adriatic as well; but it does not help Mr. Du Chaillu's thesis, as the Wends were certainly Slavonic. In the next place we are asked to believe that when the Roman writers speak of the piratical ravages of the "Franks" and "Saxons" in the third and succeeding centuries, they meant not "German" tribes at all, but the Sueones and the peoples most nearly akin to them. It may be conceded that the names "Franks" and "Saxons" were, as Müllenhoff and others have shown, often used vaguely as synonymous with "Teutonic pirates"; and that even when used in their stricter sense, they denoted agglomerations of many distinct peoples who appear in the earlier authorities under separate names. It is possible enough, though there is no real evidence of the fact, that amongst the "Frankish" and "Saxon" sea-rovers who were the terror of Europe in the fourth century there may have been a large admixture of Swedes and Norsemen. But when Mr. Du Chaillu leaps to the conclusion that the early Saxon and Angle invaders of Britain are to be classed as akin to the Swedes and Norsemen rather than as Germans, he is refuted by the evidence of language.

It has been established by the researches of philologists that the Teutonic family of languages was at an early period divided into two main branches: one, which has been called East Germanic, being spoken by the ancestors of the Goths and the Scandinavians, while the other, the West Germanic, is represented by the Low and High German dialects. If Mr. Du Chaillu's theory were sound, we should find that Anglo-Saxon and Northumbrian possessed the distinctive features of the East Germanic dialects. Instead of this, they are in every respect unequivocally West Germanic. Hence we are bound to conclude that if any Scandinavian elements existed in the population of England before the Viking invasions of the ninth century, they were relatively of small amount. Mr. Du Chaillu endeavours to enlist the national pride of Englishmen on the side of his theory, by urging that the ancient Scandinavians were a civilized people, while the "Germans" were mere barbarians. As to the latter point, the inferences drawn from the testimony of ancient writers are greatly exaggerated; but there seems to be reason to believe that in the early centuries of the Christian era the "East Germanic"-speaking peoples had, on the whole, reached a higher stage of progress in the arts of life than had the Teutons in general. The Angles and Saxons of the fifth century were, though by no means barbarians, probably not equal in material civilization to the contemporary inhabitants of Scandinavia, whom, for the rest, they closely resembled in character, manners, and institutions. On the other hand, the civilization of the Christian English of the ninth century was far higher than that of the pagan Danes and Northmen, whose invasions had for their immediate effect a marked decline of culture in the parts of the country over which they extended.

It is impossible here to follow Mr. Du Chaillu through the curious tangle of misapprehensions which fills his first three chapters; but we may mention, as an exemplification of the philological ignorance which has rendered these mistakes possible, that he considers the ethnic name Jutes (in Old Norse Jótar) to be the same word as Jötnar, the name of a class of "giants" in Norse mythology. The primitive form of Jute is, according to phonetic laws, euton-, while that of jötunn is ětuno-z, and the two words cannot even come from the same root. The author adds that the name of the Jutes is still preserved in the town-name Göteborg; in reality the latter means "burgh of the Gauts." After this it is not particularly surprising that Mr. Du Chaillu accepts the monstrous euhemerism of the 'Ynglinga Saga,' and regards the "Asar" (so he writes the word-another indication of the quality of his scholarship) as a race of mortals who migrated from an actual country called Asgard, somewhere near the Black Sea, and who fought with real human enemies called Mountain-giants and Frost-giants. It has long been established that the story of the Odinic migration from the Black Sea shores has no basis in the genuine popular tradition of Scandinavia, but is a purely learned fabrication; and Viktor Rydberg in his work on 'Teutonic Mythology,' the English translation of which was recently reviewed in the Athenœum, has ably demonstrated the nature of the process by which it was built up. Mr. Du Chaillu imagines that the existence of an historical kernel in this legend is proved by the abundant discoveries in Western Russia of works of art identical in character with those found in Scandinavia. But the true explanation of these "finds" is to be sought in the historically-known occupation of that region from the third century onwards by Goths and other East Germanic peoples who had emigrated from the neighbourhood of the Baltic, and who, at any rate during the period of Ermanaric's empire, seem to have maintained to some extent their intercourse with their more northern kin.

The argumentative portion of Mr. Du Chaillu's book may, on the whole, be dismissed as futile, but there is one of his positions with which we are inclined to agree, namely, that the Teutonic settlements in Britain began at a much earlier date than that assigned by Gildas and Bede. With reference to this point it may be worth while to remark that the history of Nennius, while following the earlier writers in dating the arrival of Hengist in 449, contains vestiges of another tradition which referred the first settlement of the Saxons to a time more than a century earlier. On many grounds it seems not unlikely that the colonization of Britain by the English race may have begun even as early as the second century. At the same time, it is not probable that any considerable portion of the country was under Teutonic occupation before the time of the great movement which began in the middle of the

fifth century. The local names in the British portion of the 'Notitia' as well as those in the earlier documents are, when they are intelligible at all, in every case Celtic and

not Teutonic.

What is really valuable in these volumes is the exhaustive digest which they contain of the extant information respecting the manners and character of the ancient people of Scandinavia. The scope of the work is much wider than that indicated by the title, even according to the large extension which the author has chosen to give to the designation "the Viking Age, as it deals with the entire field of Scandinavian archeology. The greater portion of the text, however, being drawn from Icelandic literary sources, necessarily relates to the Viking Age in the ordinarily accepted sense (in which, indeed, the term is sometimes, perhaps inadvertently, used by the author himself). Mr. Du Chaillu claims to have read through the whole of the sagas, and has illustrated every detail of the social life of the people by copious extracts, supplemented by the evidence furnished by archeeological discovery. It is true that quotations from the historical sagas of all dates, and from the legendary and mythological sagas, are heaped together without much attempt at discrimination; and we are not prepared to say that the author may not sometimes have been misled by statements which are only true for Iceland at a comparatively late epoch, or which are merely imaginative attempts at archaism or at foreign local colour. But in the main we believe the picture he has drawn of the manner of life of the Vikings and their countrymen to be as accurate as it is undoubtedly full of interest. We have compared some of the translated passages with the originals, and find the rendering to be faithful in a degree which, from various indications of inadequate scholarship in other parts of the book, we should not have anticipated. Occasionally the translator, in attempting to render Icelandic words by etymological equivalents, has been led astray by resemblances of sound, as when he writes "the Uppsala-wealth" for *Uppsalaveldi*; but we have met with no serious mistakes. The value of the work is greatly enhanced by the hundreds of excellent engravings. Many of these illustrations we have seen before, in the works of Stephens, Montelius, Worsaae, and others, but it is a great advantage to have them brought together. On Runic matters Mr. Du Chaillu has followed more implicitly than is desirable the authority of Prof. Stephens, but has been sufficiently well advised not to quote the hazardous and often impossible translations which that zealous and ingenious antiquary has propounded for the earlier inscriptions. In this connexion we may note that the Torcello spear-head, of which a drawing is here reproduced from Mr. Stephens, is pretty

certainly a forgery.

Although Mr. Du Chaillu's attempted reconstruction of early English history will hardly be regarded with favour by any competent scholar, his book as a whole is not an unworthy result of the eight years' labour which he has expended upon it, and is undoubtedly the best survey of the whole domain of Scandinavian antiquities that has

yet been published.

Martin Luther and the Reformation in Germany until the Close of the Diet of Worms. By the late Charles Beard, B.A., LL.D. (Kegan Paul, Trench & Co.)

This posthumous work of Dr. Beard's was written as the first volume of a compre-hensive history of the Reformation in Germany—a history which it is much to be regretted its projector did not live to fully carry out. Up to the present time there has been no English book on the Reformation, no English account of Luther, which can be termed history at all, much less claim respect for scholarship or accuracy. Mr. Froude has painted Luther for us after Mr. Froude's manner; Dr. Verres has given us "an historical portrait" of Luther as the Catholic bugbear, a work not without its merits, but depicting only one side of a remarkably inconsistent character; then there are numerous Protestant panegyrics, of which the English translation of the smaller work of Köstlin may well be taken as typical—works which deceive nobody and please only the sectarian audience to which they appeal. It would, then, be no high praise to say of Dr. Beard's volume that for that portion of Luther's life with which it deals it is the best extant English book. But we can say more than this: it is a really careful historical essay which will be of genuine value to those who are unable to read German or have not the leisure to study Luther and the original documents at first hand. It is impossible to say that Dr. Beard has entirely dropped the old Adam in his last labours, but there is a more valiant effort to do justice to Humanism and Catholicism than in the Hibbert Lectures of 1883 ('The Reformation in its Relation to Modern Thought and Knowledge'). There is less attempt to treat the Reformation as a needful first stage in the evolution of Unitarian faith, although, of course, that may be in part due to the circumstance that the present history does not extend to the birth of those sects from which many Unitarians delight in tracing a veritable apostolic succession. Still, be that as it may, Dr. Beard had studied far more widely and deeply than in 1883, and the result is far better work. We disagree with many of his judgments, but we feel that had he had less of theology by profession, and more of science by education, he might have been a great historian. We cannot better exemplify our meaning than by the following words taken from his Introduction :-

"The Reformation in its wider aspects is part of that greater movement of the human mind known as the Renaissance; a rebirth due to the revived study of classical literature and philosophy; a rebellion against mediæval systems of thought, which has issued in modern

science and speculation."

It seems to us that the Reformation was in no sense an outcome of the revived study of classical literature and philosophy. What Luther did, Wyclif with his greater learning, or Hus with his greater consistency, could have done long before the revival of learning, had the times been sufficiently favourable; both were strong personalities like Luther, but they had not behind them such an intense and widespread popular feeling against the abuses and extortions

of the Papal See; they had not at their backs a number of princes not only desirous but capable of seizing and holding the revenues of the Church. In short, the Reformation sprang from discontent with the disciplinary and not the doctrinal side of the Roman Church, and it was successful because the social and political conditions were at last ripe for it. The special dogmas of Luther were due partly to his own peculiar spiritual needs, partly to the moulding influence of events, especially the ultimate lines of Catholic opposition. know well nowadays from experience that innumerable sects are needful to satisfy the divergent religious natures of men, but the impartial historian will certainly not claim that Lutheran doctrine was a nearer approach than Erasmian Catholicism to the spirit of the Renaissance. It would be fairer, although far from absolutely accurate, to describe the Reformation as a rebellion against mediæval ecclesiastical institutions, reserving the word Renaissance for that rebellion against mediæval systems of thought which, beginning in Humanism, has ended in modern science, not, indeed, through the channels of the Reformation, but through the activity of later investigators reared often within the formal bounds of Catholicism. Copernicus, Keppler, and Galilei certainly were not the outcome of Lutheran teaching; while it is still less possible to perceive any intellectual debt to Protestantism in the Neo-Averroists of Italy, in Giordano Bruno, Descartes, or Spinoza. The Lutheran dogmas, and with them the Reformation, were a successful "sport" which by destroying theological uniformity rendered other variations possible; that is the only debt of "modern science and speculation" to Luther, and when Dr. Beard tells us that Kant and Darwin "are, each on his own line of affiliation, heirs to Luther," we confess we should much like to see the genealogical tree of this strange intellectual descent.

In the first three introductory chapters of Dr. Beard's work there is nothing new, hardly even new views of old facts, yet they give within a limited compass-especially to English readers who may have neither the time nor inclination to consult the admirable first volume of Janssen's 'Geschichte des deutschen Volkes seit dem Ausgang des Mittelalters'-a very fair description of the state of Germany just antecedent to the Reformation. Here, again, the author shows his advance on his Hibbert Lectures standpoint. In the older work his opinion seemed to be that Luther was necessary for the Reformation, that Erasmus's methods were suited only to our own day. This opinion is repeated in the new work, but so changed that we feel that nearer intimacy with Luther made Dr. Beard more highly appreciate Erasmus's ideas on reform:

"It was a scholar's conception of reform, and one that was soon interrupted and set aside by ruder and more drastic methods. Yet it may be questioned whether, after all, the slow way is not in the long run the surest, and whether any other agent of human progress can permanently be substituted for culture. The Reformation of the sixteenth century was Luther's work; but if any fresh Reformation is come or coming now, it can only be based upon the principles of Erasmus."

It is a remarkable fact that the comparative study of Luther and Erasmus should

thus have brought Dr. Beard to be numbered among the small minority who believe that it is the man of the study, not the man of the market-place, who makes the small but sure, because indelible changes in human nature-those changes which constitute its only permanent and real progress. Correct as these chapters are in their general outline, there are still points from which we have to express our dissent; occasionally we note

even errors of fact.

Especially in the second chapter Dr. Beard's peculiar failings are observable. He means to be fair to Catholicism, but he has given an account of its doctrines which would never have been accepted by a devout Catholic of the sixteenth century, or be allowed by one of to-day. Knowing, as he must have known, how controversial are his statements, both as to doctrine and as to the moral feeling of the Church in the sixteenth century, he ought to have accompanied them by full quotations from the writers of that age and from the testimony of impartial observers. Had he really made a study of the books of Catholic devotion published in the half century immediately preceding the Diet of Worms, little books like the various "Gardens" and "Mirrors" intended for private devotion, he would not have broadly stated that except through the offices of the Church the believer had no access to God; the 'Theologia Germanica' and the 'Imitatio Christi' would not have appeared to him so unique, such exceptional manifestations of a mystic spirit which lived rather in despite of, than owing to, the Catholic faith. There is evidence enough of the disciplinary corruption of the Church in those days, but it is better found for historical purposes in the reports of church administrators and of the civic authorities than in the writings of the Lutherans or the exaggerations of satirists. The scholar of the nineteenth century who is not by profession a theologian tries to look back almost calmly to the Reformation and see the intense humanity on both sides—its strength and its weakness. He recognizes the intensity of religious earnestness, and the depth of moral degradation, which were to be found side by side in the Church just before the Reformation; but he sees the same broad features of humanity, unaltered by the Reformation, existing in the new churches, and even in Luther's immediate surroundings—witness the reports of the Saxon church visitors. Dr. Beard does indeed try to recognize the many-sidedness of men's natures; but he fails too often when he comes to criticize some institution which satisfies no spiritual want of his own. He does not see that while it is not given to all men to be monks, yet that the persistency of monasticism shows that it does satisfy the deep-seated need of some human beings. He does not fully recognize that its failure in the sixteenth century arose from men looking upon the monastery as a provision for their material lives; from men having forgotten the necessity for fully knowing their own selves before they took an irrevocable step. Too many superstitious natures rushed like Luther, terrified by the physical danger of a stormy heaven, into a life for which they were unsuited. Yet this is how Dr. Beard writes of monasticism :-

"The fault of its ideal is not that it is too dofty, but that it is unnatural. It attempts to

develop certain noble instincts of humanity at the cost of suppressing others, which equally have their root in the constitution of man, and to exalt individual holiness, while disparaging social and domestic virtue. But the event has shown often enough, and will show again should the occasion arise, that human society repudiates the monastic conception of goodness as being in essential contrariety to the principles on which it is itself built up.

It can hardly be said that in the common life of the convent "social and domestic virtue" had not its full disciplinary influence in moulding character. The social instinct must be largely exercised whenever a group of men are brought together under one doma. It is only by reading "con-jugal" for "social and domestic" that we really grasp Dr. Beard's meaning, and then we see fully how he has failed to grasp the wide range of human wants, and the impossibility of developing all potential virtues in one and the same human being. It is thus almost with a smile that we read that within "these limitations"-namely, that "the domestic and social virtues are entirely overlooked by it "-Thomas à Kempis's 'Imitation of Christ' is direct, pure, and profound in its devoutness. If a touch of what Dr. Beard meant by "domestic and social virtues" had entered into Thomas's devoutness, what help could he have given to the agony of many a pious soul?

If the above be only a matter of opinion -nay, almost of feeling-there are other points in this chapter which are matters of

fact. Thus Dr. Beard writes :-

"The great glory of the Koburger press at Nürnberg was the splendid German Bible of 1483, which Michael Wohlgemuth adorned with more than one hundred woodcuts.'

Dr. Beard gives no exact reference for this statement, but it seems a reminiscence of Janssen's:

"Das erste künstlerisch reich ausgestattete Werk aus der Presse Koburgers war die herrliche deutsche Bibel vom Jahre 1483, welche Michael Wolgemut mit mehr als hundert Holz-

This is unfortunate, because if Dr. Beard has taken even this small matter on faith, may he not have taken others? There is no evidence that Quentel, to whom the blocks originally belonged, employed Wohlge-muth at all; nor if he had done so is it likely that the latter would have learnt Low German for the purpose of preparing these particular cuts. Further evidence of rather uncritical acceptance of the mere statement of another, without regarding that other's sources of information or possible bias of feeling, may be deduced from the "further corroboration" Dr. Beard finds for the general ignorance of the Bible and Luther's astonishment at discovering a copy in the words of Mathesius:-

"I have in my youth seen an ungerman German Bible, without doubt translated from the Latin; it was dark and obscure. For at that time learned men set almost no store by the

When we remember that Luther's "September Bible" was in great part word for word that "ungerman German Bible," and that that "ungerman German Bible" is occasionally found with a family pedigree on its fly-leaf, showing that it circulated in the household, we can only say that Dr. Beard ought not to have left this statement | plexity of human nature and the varying

unqualified. When he tells us on the next page that Luther was "in possession of a 'Corpus Juris,' which was then a costly book," any one who knows the number of editions of the Latin and German Bibles and the state of the book trade at that time will understand that Luther could have been in possession of a Bible had he really had a strong desire for one. Luther himself thought in after years that the Bible was in his youth an unknown book; but this certainly arises from the circumstances of his early life. The son of an illiterate peasant, a wandering scholar, a studiosus juris, there were many great books beside the Bible which would have been a revelation to him, even in his twenty-second year! That Dr. Beard, however, can quote Luther's words

"Oh, how happy should I then have thought myself if once I could have heard a Gospel, yes, a Psalm, and now you have the whole Scripture, clear to be heard,"

as evidence of the general state of Biblical ignorance in Erfurt at the beginning of the sixteenth century, is evidence of Dr. Beard's occasionally one-sided reading of history, but it is evidence of nothing else.

The chapter on Humanism is the one to which many readers will turn with most interest. Often an echo of Janssen rather than the result of independent research, it still does fuller justice to Erasmus and Muth than Janssen has done, or indeed Dr. Beard himself did in his earlier work. When he writes about the literary work of Reuchlin and Brand and Murner we have, however, an uncomfortable impression that he is seeing through the eyes of others, and not with the finer insight, more tender feeling of one who has, as a friend, come close to that spiritual presence which they have left be-hind in their writings. There is a sort of indefinable sympathy and understanding which can only arise from a close first-hand knowledge of a writer, and we miss this in Dr. Beard's accounts of some of the Humanists. Notably is this obvious in his treatment of Jacob Wimpheling: "He was a scholar and nothing more; no gleam of genius irradiates anything he has left be-hind, in prose or verse." And yet the pedagogic writings of Melanchthon are in our opinion not to be spoken of in the same breath as those of Wimpheling. Dr. Beard says of Melanchthon that he justly earned the title of "Preceptor Germaniæ," but we wonder if he had ever compared the 'Adolescentia' and Melanchthon's 'School Instructions.

But we have been dwelling too much on the faults of these introductory chapters instead of emphasizing the merits of what Dr. Beard has contributed in the later chapters to a just estimation of the earlier period of Luther's life. It is not that he states any new facts of importanceit is almost impossible to do much gleaning after Köstlin; it is not that he throws any new light on old facts or interprets cause and effect from a novel standpoint-we may safely say that every possible explanation has been given by individual writers for every single act of Luther's life. But it is that Dr. Beard sees Luther better than any English writer has yet done from two standpoints at once: he grasps the infinite comchanges in human motive. Witness the following words:—

"It is easy to accuse him of conscious and deliberate insincerity. Yet might not this be a mistake arising out of an imperfect insight into the complexity and changefulness of human motives? A rigid consistency is the virtue, if it be a virtue, only of small minds. A great soul, open to the impact of many waves of impulse, balances long before it enters upon an irrevocable course of action, and for a while turns a different face to observers who approach it from different sides. Motives are not always of equal weight; they vary according to the quarter from which they come and the mood on which they operate."

Dr. Beard does not make Luther a hero, nor does he make him a fiend, hence we fear his work will not have a wide circulation; but it does attempt to paint him as a man largely moulded by circumstances over which he had little control. If Dr. Beard is more apt to excuse Luther and blame his opponents than to invert the process, the reader must remember that the historian himself sees with the eyes of his own past, and that only a "scholarly and cultured heathen" could write without bias of the greatest event of the last six hundred years of Christian life. We do not find, however, that Dr. Beard shirks the real difficulties of the Protestant standpoint. He fully admits the hopeless inconsistency of Luther's "appeal to Scripture"; he partially, if not quite completely, sees the anti-social results of Luther's doctrine of "salvation by faith alone"; and he recognizes the terrible violence and too frequent coarseness of Luther's writings, even if he attempts to minimize Luther's offence by vague reference to the coarseness of the age or to exceptional passages. Unluckily the words quoted on p. 353 do not "stand almost, if not quite, alone among his utterances." Witness, for coarseness, Luther's doggerel verses to the loathsome series of woodcuts he published in 1545, or for violence his tracts on the Jews or the Peasant Rebellion. How is it possible to think with Dr. Beard, after these writings, that the brutish licence of Erfurt student life may have so revolted Luther that he took refuge in a monastery? Dr. Beard sees also the narrow limitation of Luther's Biblical criticism, and does full justice to Carlstadt on this point. His his-tory, unfortunately, ceases before the date of the Bible translation, on which we should much like to have had his opinion. We suspect from the following passage he would have somewhat overrated Luther's literary services :-

"It is not within the compass of my present purpose to define Luther's exact relation to the development of the German language; it is enough to say that, at a moment at which Latin threatened to supersede it as the vehicle of cultivated thought, he suffused it with the glow of his own genius, and made it a literary tongue, capable of expression, clear, vivid, pathetic, and above all strong."

We do not fully grasp why Latin was superseding German at the moment when Luther appeared, nor why he converted German into a literary tongue. Luther wrote in German for the people, but this is exactly what Brand, Geiler, Murner, and Hans Sachs had been previously doing; and the pre-Lutheran German Bible was a storehouse of words which not only Luther himself

used, but which at last the editors of 'Grimms Wörterbuch' have begun to recognize. The history of the German language remains to be written. The Germanists, having at last fairly worked out the origines and the glorious period of the Minnesinger, are beginning to recognize that the vernacular devotional books of the late fifteenth century possess a real literary importance, and until they have completed their task on these we shall continue to see the space on our literary chart between 1400 and Luther marked by a desert with the single inscription "Meistersinger."

If we have devoted more words to expressing our dissent than assent with Dr. Beard, it is because, while seeing a real advance in his method of dealing with Luther, we still consider his work very far from final. Perhaps written history can never be final, for history, as Mark Pattison has said, is a progressive study. We stand yet too near to the effects of the Reformation, they are too close to the still existing spiritual needs of all of us, for any one of us to write as scientifically and dispassionately of Luther as of Buddha. For this reason probably all existing histories of the Reformation fall below the current standard of historical work. They are not even final for the age in which they are written, and in this sense Dr. Beard's book, good as it is, is no exception to the rule. Our incapacity for exactly appreciating the men and forces of the Reformation is all the more serious because, as one who was more capable than any other of scholarly criticism in this field has remarked,

"thoughtful men, who can read the signs of our times, are becoming aware of the close analogy which the existing conflict of opinion bears to that which was going on in the times just before Luther."

The Law of Newspaper Libel. By Richard J. Kelly. (Clowes & Sons.)

Only two years have elapsed since Dr. W. Blake Odgers published the second edition of his well-known work on the law of libel and slander. Mr. Kelly, therefore, very properly feels the necessity of defining his position in relation to his predecessors. Accordingly we read in the preface that Mr. Kelly's book

"does not presume to be exhaustive of the law of libel, that it aims simply at being a handy, practical, timely treatise on the law as affected and defined by the Acts of 1881 and 1888, that it is supplementary to Dr. Blake Odgers's work and in no degree trenches upon his province, and that the best plea in its justification is that it is the only book yet published dealing with the Act of 1888."

On these prefatory statements there is only need to remark that neither Mr. Kelly nor anybody else who writes on the law of libel can avoid "trenching" upon Dr. Odgers's province, and that his readers would have been better pleased with Mr. Kelly if he had "trenched" more. It is, of course, only after June, 1887, and in connexion especially with the Libel Act of 1888, that Mr. Kelly breaks fresh ground. Mr. Kelly adds that he hopes that his friends and fellow workers of the press may find his book of some utility. We also hope that they may, but confess to entertaining very

grave doubts on the subject, and for the following reasons.

What is required, and what a reader has a right to demand, in "a handy, practical treatise," such as it was Mr. Kelly's intention to produce, is a clear and accurate summary of the law, intelligible to a lay mind, and not overloaded with cases or overburdened with technicalities of practice and procedure. What Mr. Kelly has, in fact, supplied to the public is often neither clear, nor accurate, nor intelligible even to the trained lawyer; the style is slipshod and obscure, and the matter occasionally, we regret to say, positively misleading. It is more pleasant to praise than to blame, but Mr. Kelly leaves his critics no option in the matter, and it is therefore imperative to call attention to a few of the many blemishes which abound in this extraordinary muddle of unassorted cases and undigested statements, which, according to Mr. Kelly, constitutes the law of newspaper libel in the year 1889.

Be it remarked then, first of all, that there is no principle of arrangement in this book. Mr. Kelly asserts that he "deals with the various phases of the subject as they most naturally suggest themselves." It is unfortunate that "publication" did not "naturally" or otherwise "suggest itself" until chap. xi., between Lord Campbell's Act and "privilege." It is unfortunate that chap. xii. on "privileged communications" should be little more than a huge collection of reported cases piled one on the top of the other—a method of construction which, as Mr. Kelly must be aware, does not form a legal or even a "handy" treatise, any more than, to use an old simile, a tumbled pile of bricks forms a house. But most unfortunate of all is the Libel Act of 1888, which wanders up and down in a melancholy way from chapter to chapter, and is not mentioned in the index at all, unless an incorrect reference to a page where it is alleged that the text of an Act of 1889 (?) may be found can be taken as evidence of a wish on the part of the author to leave it in peace at the last. The index itself is worthy of a place in the curiosities of literature. Clearness of style, though of less importance, is not without value, but to be clear a writer must be grammatical. Mr. Kelly's style is neither grammatical nor clear. "A comment," we are told on p. 4, "is privileged when upon a subject the writer has a right as a public citizen to comment upon"-a sentence which, apart from its clumsiness, reintroduces the confusion (found occasionally even in decided cases) between report and comment. Fair reports are privileged, while fair comments, if on matters of public interest, are no libel at all. The distinction is in its results not unimportant. Again, on p. 39, "Nor are they [untrue statements in a circular] actionable unless express malice is proved, but the Court will restrain untrue statements however injurious." Lastly, on p. 129, "The littera scripta have nothing about them," &c.

But in comparison with accuracy of statement style dwindles into insignificance. Is Mr. Kelly accurate? Can we rely upon what he says without verification? Let us examine one or two of his statements of fact in order to see what confidence can be placed in his conclusions. On p. 39, in a series of confused and misleading statements as to the

power of the Court to restrain libels by injunction, Mr. Kelly quotes a case (Thomas v. Williams, 14 Ch. D. 864) as deciding exactly the opposite of what that case did in fact decide. And in another passage, on p. 135, he deliberately quotes in inverted commas from the judgment of Lord Coleridge in the case of Wood v. Cox a statement which that learned judge did not make, and the mere perusal of which is enough to induce any lawyer from the Lord Chancellor to the bar student of six months' standing to "hold up his hands in respectful astonishment.' Again, the remarks on payment into court, pp. 125-6, are obscure; and those on "Slander of Title," pp. 23-5, misstate questions of no very extraordinary difficulty. If these errors stood alone they would be sufficient to convict Mr. Kelly of the grave charge of inaccuracy. It is only necessary to add that, in the reports of cases to which we have referred on Mr. Kelly's recommendation, we have occasionally discovered very little except that his references are incorrect.

Nobody acquainted with legal literature can have failed to notice that of late years, whenever an Act of Parliament has been passed on any matter of public interest, one or more text-books shortly appear connected with the subject-matter of that Act, and purporting to be explanatory of the Act itself. But these works are seldom of any practical or permanent value, owing in great measure to the difficulty of prying into the judicial mind and anticipating its decisions until the new law has to some extent at least become crystallized by practice. But the desire to be first in the field is too strong for many, and has been too strong for Mr. Kelly. If he had taken more time, and given more thought and labour to the pith and essence of his subject, the result might have been very different.

A Life of John Davis, the Navigator, 1550-1605. By Clements R. Markham. (Philip & Son.)

This compact little volume is the first of a series of biographies of "The World's Great Explorers," which are to appear under the editorship of Messrs. Keltie, Mackinder, and Ravenstein. Each is intended, so far as may be found practicable, to deal mainly with one prominent name associated with some particular region, so that when complete the various lives will form a bio-

graphical history of geographical discovery.

The weak point of this plan is that the doughty deeds of the different heroes must frequently overlap. The same ground must be sometimes trodden by many feet, and, as happens in the present volume, the explorer may have distinguished himself in widely different parts of the earth. It will also often be the case that, though the subject of a biography had earned his principal claims to immortality as a voyager or a traveller, a large portion of his career, being concerned with other pursuits, will lie like so much literary lumber on the writer's hands.

These drawbacks are, however, inseparable from history in which the personal element plays a leading part; but at worst they are not serious defects in what promises to be a most valuable series of popular works. Judging from the preliminary list,

much discretion has been exercised in the selection of representative men, and, with a few exceptions, the treatment of their exploits has been committed to perfectly competent writers. It would certainly have been difficult to have chosen a more picturesque character for the outset than John Davis, or to have put him into the hands of a writer who had more distinctly made the subject his own than Mr. Clements Markham. The story of Arctic discovery has been one of the chief labours of Mr. Markham's life, and his memoirs of more than one worthy of the period over which the career of Davis extended have proved how familiar he is with the materials now drawn upon. Davis himself was a notable figure in an heroic age. Born possibly, but not so certainly as Mr. Markham thinks, at Sandridge, in Devon, he was the contemporary, friend, and in some instances the boyish companion of the Gilberts, Raleigh, Hawkins, Drake, Cavendish, and no doubt of Salvation Yeo of Clovelly, and of John Oxenham, so dear to the readers of 'Westward Ho!' As a mariner he sailed into what were then strange seas-the Malay Archipelago and the Straits of Magellan-and discovered the Falkland Isles. As a fighting man he "singed the King of Spain's beard" by taking command of the Black Dog in the fleet which opposed the great Armada, and did gallant service to Her Grace under Essex at Cadiz, and before he was murdered by Japanese pirates off the Pahang coast, on the 27th of December, 1605, had helped to extend our knowledge of the Eastern seas by serving as chief pilot of Mynheer Moucheron's merchant fleet. But far more than his Malay or Magellanic exploits, the three voyages which Davis made to the great gulf which bears his name constitute his claims to geographic fame. He

"converted the Arctic regions from a confused myth into a defined area, the physical aspects and conditions of which were understood so far as they were known. He not only described and mapped the extensive tract explored by himself, but he clearly pointed out the work cut out for his successors. He lighted Hudson into out for his successors. He lighted Hudson into his strait. He lighted Baffin into his bay. He lighted Hans Egede to the scene of his Greenland labours. But he did more. His truehearted devotion to the cause of Arctic discovery, his patient scientific research, his loyalty to his employers, his dauntless gallantry and enthusiasm form an example which will be a beaconlight to maritime explorers for all time to come."

All this Mr. Markham relates with impartiality, accuracy, and vivacity, while the last forty pages of his three hundred are occupied with a succinct account of the labours of those who followed up the work of Davis, which the author's familiarity with almost every league of the seas these mariners sailed over gives him peculiar advantages in describing. In narrating the bare facts of Davis's voyages his latest biographer can scarcely be expected to tell anything new; for only nine years ago Commodore Markham edited for one of the issues of the Hakluyt Society all the great sailor left behind him, including the narrative of his voyages by John Janes, "Marchant, servant to the worshipfull M. William Sanderson." The personal history of Davis has, however, proved so difficult to unravel that Mr. Markham's volume has in this respect much of the merit of an original work.

For, with almost fatuous blundering, all previous biographers—with perhaps the excep-tion of Mr. Fox Bourne, Mr. Laughton, and the editor of his voyages—have inextricably mixed him up with John Davis of Limehouse, a navigator also, but one of a much less meritorious character. Mr. Froude has been the principal offender in this respect; for he not only copied in a book published in 1852 the errors of Prince's ' Worthies of Devon,' but in his 'Short Studies on Great Subjects' repeated these and added fresh ones. Mr. Markham's will, therefore, form the only fairly authoritative biography of this pioneer of Arctic and, to some extent, of Antarctic exploration. Indeed, if we have a fault to find with the volume it is that the story of Davis's life is written with a minuteness which sometimes savours of a lack of literary perspective; and we must once more (for we have done so again and again) protest against that dreadful word "Eskimos," which both Mr. Markham and his cousin persist in using, though it is no more sanctioned by euphony and etymology than "sheeps" or "deers," or the "salmons" of Sir Hugh Evans. We may add that the volume is illustrated by several excellent plates and maps, and possesses an index so full and well arranged as to be a model for that sort of humble literature.

NOVELS OF THE WEEK.

The Bell of St. Paul's. By Walter Besant. 3 vols. (Chatto & Windus.) In Black and White. By Percy Hulburd.

3 vols. (Ward & Downey.) A Match Pair. By Ames Savile. 2 vols. (Kegan Paul, Trench & Co.)

A Happy Wooing. By H. Cliffe Halliday.
2 vols. (Hurst & Blackett.)
The Heritage of Dedlow Marsh, and other
Tales. By Bret Harte. 2 vols. (Macmillan & Co.)

Alderdene. By Major Norris Paul. (Methuen & Co.)

Mrs. Senior, Jun. By Foulis Hayes. (Roper & Drowley.)

Ruby. By Amye Reade. (Co-operative Publishing Company.)

Tentée. Par Th. Bentzon. (Paris, Calmann

Lévy.) MR. BESANT in 'The Bell of St. Paul's' has availed himself of that natural background or refrain which may be compared with reverence) to the drone in the Highland war-pipes, and of which one of the best examples was given us by George Eliot in the 'Mill on the Floss.' It is Father Thames with his ebb and flow ("The tide," says Laurence the Australian, "was first turned on when barges were invented"); Thames, with his Ellen or Althea, as bright as she who pulled the shallop on Loch Katrine, coming to her hero out of the sunset; Thames, into whose bosom the hapless Florry flies for shelter; Thames, from whose waters the historic wonders patent to those who can shut their eyes to the present may be observed under the direction of such a lady guide as in these pages we recognize as the first of her race, who silently enacts the part equivalent to that of chorus. This, and the excellent fancying of the little "genteel" colony in Bankside, Southwark, are the principal features which will impress themselves on the reader's recollection.

Not that the characters or the plot do not show a skilful hand. The poet and the chevalier; the admirable Cottle, who maintains the decencies-we might say the sanctities-of the higher branch in a spirit worthy of the days of that Eldon he pro-foundly reverences; the sister who is "in the Church," and accepts Florry with "the sniff of forgiveness"; the softer sister who "prophesies" and takes her to her arms; the doctor's bad bargain; and the Romany brother and sister, will all impress themselves on the memory. Dr. Luttrell might charitably have been supposed to have been more successful, but heredity is too strong in the waif he adopts. Oliver is to be brought up without creed or system; and the philosophy which the reclaimed gipsy evolves from a first-rate education and wide experience is the thoroughgoing individualism of the savage. The doctor takes his disappointment like a man, and, when all the rest go to Australia, pursues his altruistic-shall we say his Christian ?work "among these poor." The forgery of the will sounds a trite incident, but it is redeemed by the originality of the method. Of Althea, the river nymph, who reads poetry as other girls read novels, nothing is too enthusiastic to be said.

It is easy to see that the mere writing of 'In Black and White' is not all it should be-in places, indeed, it is involved, obscure, pretentious, as bad as bad can be-but it is not so easy to make up one's mind as to the merits of the general scheme and execution of the whole. The story is a somewhat crude and curious effort altogether, abounding in shortcomings of many sorts, yet neither so deadly dull nor so painfully commonplace as many a better-written novel often is. The motive is old—a forger, and a secret society which sways the destinies of the characters-and is not without some fascination. It is all rather shadowy, and yet there is intenseness about it too. touch is uncertain and tentative, and illustrates what has been called "writing with gloves on "; but there is a dash of originality, and-though he does not do it-the author seems to know what he would like to do, and that in itself is a gain. The result is a story of mixed elements, which shows an unformed mind and no great knowledge of society or human nature, and yet gives vague promise of a kind. It is a pity that "lay" is used for lie, and that certain sentences are terribly long-winded and tor-

As the reader of perspicacity will gather from its title, 'A Match Pair' comes under the heading of "sporting novels." Those men and women who do not live and move and have their being in the hunting-field, or at least on horseback, still more those whose interest in horses and sport is limited, will find themselves strangers and pilgrims indeed in Mr. Ames Savile's world. The mysteries of Miss Poppy and Miss Toosey's conversation will be to them as bewildering as the conviction slowly forced upon them that the best people in the book are perfectly serious in regarding good and honest sport, more especially fox-hunting, as the end and aim of all manly and womanly aspiration, and thinking that to be a notable M.F.H. is the crowning glory of a man's career.

all," says the hero solemnly when making acquaintance with a young lady; and at the end of the book we are delighted to find him rewarded as he deserves (for he is really a nice man) by the charming heroine, and living happily ever afterwards in the odour of sanctity, "a genial neighbour, a generous sportsman, and-in the time to come-an able master for the Highshire Hunt." Can human merit ask more of this world? Nevertheless, though the lay reader soon loses count of the number of times he is ridden to covert and subsequently dragged after the hounds, he cannot fail to appreciate the freshness and moral cleanness of the atmosphere. The smell of the stables, it is true, is strong throughout; but nothing of a pernicious character is mixed with that harmless odour. The people are all good and nice, in particular Elsie the heroine and her friend Lady Guenevere, and therefore the reader feels justified in complaining about so much more space and detail being devoted to the description of the horses than is allowed for that of their riders.

'A Happy Wooing ' bears about as much relation to real life and to real human beings as did the old-fashioned burlesques (of which it vaguely reminds one), wherein impossible and high-spirited young ladies always played impossible pranks, while more elderly personages, equally unlike their contemporaries across the footlights, filled in the necessary links of the story. The heroines in the present instance are scarcely less fantastic in their performances, while the dowagers, the Countess of Meadowlands and Lady Lackacre, certainly belong to the stereotyped comic order. Their sons are hardly entertaining, but neither are they more lifelike, and all alike are harmlessly vulgar. The plot is a series of extravagances which, it is to be hoped, may prove amusing to a good many readers. In any case serious criticism of the Miss Moneys' achievements or of their friends' phenomenal credulity and blindness is hardly called for. The unlimited quantity of tea which every one consumes, and the amount of active exercise, more especially dancing, of which nearly all are nevertheless capable, will fill any ordinary mortal with awe and admira-

Mr. Bret Harte's four new stories are not altogether satisfactory. They are not thoroughly characteristic either in style or matter. Too often he is found adopting that curiosity of diction, not always felicitous, which is common to many of the better American novelists, but which he formerly avoided. At his best Mr. Bret Harte is more vigorous and quite free from affectation. It has often been a pleasure to note the artistic skill with which he has given a finish to his descriptions; but in these stories he seems to have been less careful. 'The Heritage of Dedlow Marsh' begins thus:—

"The sun was going down on the Dedlow marshes. The tide was following it fast, as if to meet the reddening lines of sky and water in the west, leaving the foreground to grow blacker and blacker every moment, and to bring out in startling contrast the few half-filled and half-lit pools left behind, and forgotten."

Mr. Bret Harte at his best would never have added those words "and forgotten." A touch of trivial sentiment has spoilt a good

sketch. A few pages further on he speaks of pillars "whose base and pediment were buried in the earth." A careful artist should have stopped to think what is meant by a pediment. The two stories called 'A Knight Errant of the Foot-hills' and 'Captain Jim's Friend' are better than the other two. The former brings out a piece of character such as Mr. Bret Harte delights in discovering, but the story is ineffective. In 'Captain Jim's Friend' alone does he succeed, and then only for a moment, in recalling his own peculiar gift of mixing the humorous, the pathetic, and the tragic.

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'Alderdene' is only in one volume, but that volume is so ponderous, pedantic, and pitiably prosy in quality that the average reader turns away in despair long before the end. It can only be hoped that the author himself derived a mysterious joy from writing a story which he must have guessed few would have the patience to read. Unless this is the case, it is to be feared 'Alderdene' does not represent even love's labour lost.

The story of 'Mrs. Senior, Jun.,' is strange and haunting enough, though it does not deal with the supernatural world. Whatever else it wants, it is not wanting in excitement, dash, and a curious sense of the impossible made possible. Indeed, it may be placed in the category of what - for want of a better name—may be called the breathless order of fiction. This does not at all prevent it from being unpleasant in several ways, and from leaving an unpleasant after taste. It is certainly not well written; it is faulty in grammar as well as reprehensible in taste and feeling; but it is cleverly tossed together, and keeps the reader's interest unabated almost to the end. He guesses pretty well what the upshot of the thing is going to be, and yet he is a little disappointed that the mystification turns out to be almost as cheap and vulgar as might have been feared. Not a few unpleasant minor touches are to be found, and the general effect is extremely lurid and disagreeable, yet the story is likely to be read, not only because it has spirit and "go," but also because the unwholesome is to many people the fascinating in fiction, if not else-

'Ruby' is a disagreeable tale, and a silly tale too; and this not because it is "written with a purpose," but because it is badly written, badly put together, and has no method, skill, or literary insight of any kind. It is only in one volume, yet there is a good deal to get through before the moral purpose is reached, which is to "show up circus life, and particularly "circus men."

If it is a truthful picture—and it is to be hoped it is not—it is so badly handled that it is valueless. The whole story, when not absolutely discorpage his is widerland. absolutely disagreeable, is ridiculous, unnatural, and vulgar; yet there is a kind of force and a hint of a personality somewhere or other. Whatever these qualities may work in the future, crudity and immaturity are what strike one now, nor can 'Ruby' be redeemed or prevented from being one of the many stories that had been better unwritten. The speech of some of the people is so excessively forcible that it is feeble. In fact, "cussing and swearing" flow freely and unceasingly from their lips, except in their stilted moments, which are in pointed

contrast. The characters are embodied contradictions, and really develope amazingly. But that is as nothing to the entire lack of adequate motive for their "wild careers" and actions generally. For incongruity and and actions generally. For incongruity and irresponsibility it would not be easy to match Ruby and her story. Why should she, at the early age of twelve, brought up by a brace of poverty-stricken Evangelical old maids, feel the want of her daily allowance of "high-toned" drinks, such as "chablis and claret"? Why, too, should the here he introduced as "an awfully wild the hero be introduced as "an awfully wild young fellow," a student of Zola by "gutter-ing candle light," and ever afterwards babble of green fields and wild flowers, and conduct himself (under most peculiar circumstances) as only the mildest member of the Y.M.C.A. could hope to do? We have spoken this much of 'Ruby' because it seems to us a fitting example of a good deal of the unwholesome rubbish that nowadays gets itself published.

The writer who makes use of the signature "Th. Bentzon" has not done better work than is to be found in the volume now before us, which contains two novels. They are pretty, simple stories, although not

suited for young ladies.

BOOKS OF TRAVEL.

FROM Mr. John Murray we receive a beautifully printed and got-up work in two volumes, published by him under the title Our Viceregal Life in India: Selections from my Journal, by Lady Dufferin. This is an eminently "safe" book, containing not a line that can be considered indiscreet, but having, perhaps for that very reason, nothing in it that can interest the politician or the student of India. Lady Dufferin's letters to her family—for the work consists, we fancy, mainly of letters rather than of diary in fancy, mainly of letters rather than of diary in the ordinary sense—are full of pleasant "chatty" gossip, with here and there pretty pictures of Indian scenery, and good descriptions of the looks and dress of Indian princes. There is little about the "people with a big P," who appear chiefly in the form of the dirty, half-naked "sweeper" who comes in to light the stove when the great folk are seated on their threads contains the great folk are seated on their threads contains the great folk are seated on their threads contains the great folk are seated on their threads contains the great folk are seated on their threads contains the great folk are seated on their threads contains the great folk are seated on their threads contains the great folk are seated on their threads contains the great folks are seated on their threads contains the great folks are seated on their threads contains the great folks are seated on their threads contains the great folks are seated on their threads contains the great folks are seated on their threads contains the great folks are seated on their threads contains the great folks are seated on the g "sweeper" who comes in to light the stove when the great folk are seated on their thrones con-versing through interpreters; and though, of course, there is much about Anglo-Indian society, it is confined, as might be expected, to what is complimentary.

ONE of the best light books that we have met with for a long time is Trooper and Redskin in the Far North-West, by Mr. Donkin, an excorporal in the red-coated Canadian Mounted Police maintained by the Dominion Government in the Territories. The little volume, which contains an excellent map of the North-West Territories, is published by Messrs. Sampson Low & Co. The greater portion of Mr. Donkin's work is a singularly interesting account of the second Riel rising, but incidentally he shows that he takes a most unfavourable view of the prospects of the Canadian North-West as a wheat country.

Mr. T. G. Bowles has republished, through Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall & Co., his Log of the Nereid, with illustrations, most of which has, we believe, previously appeared in the columns of a contemporary. The volume forms a clever and bright sketch of a yachting cruise in the Mediterranean, and is very readable. The heroine is the author's charming daughter, aged three, to whom the book is dedicated in a pretty burlesque of the style of the great days of English.

Messrs. Charto & Windus send us Five Thousand Miles in a Sledge, by Mr. Lionel Gowing, an account of winter travel from Vladivostock to Moscow across Siberia. The

author, whose friend and companion died before the journey was fairly ended, has written as lively a description as he could of a dreary and uninteresting journey.

Ad Orientem, by A. D. Frederickson, published by Messrs. W. H. Allen & Co., is a big volume of illustrated travels, the author having patched together sketches by pen and pencil made during more than one journey in India, Japan, Ceylon, Java, and the United States. The letterpress is of very varying degrees of interest, for the author unfortunately begins his book by describing the caves of Elephanta and other well-known spots. His journey in Java is ex-cellently well told, but his political comments upon the Dutch culture-system are wholly out of date. Many of the illustrations are botanical and are executed with much taste.

WE have received from Messrs. Hachette & Co. A travers les Tropiques, by M. Xavier Marmier, a volume not worthy of the author's reputation. The countries treated in a great number of short sketches—mostly translations from German and English books, not well chosen-are chiefly not in the tropics at all, but this inaccuracy of title matters little. The short chapters are on the Kafirs, the Taj, Delhi, New South Wales, Victoria, the Arabs, the Cape, and too many other subjects to name. When M. Marmier does not confine himself to translation he makes mistakes. The captain in the royal navy who took convicts to Sydney becomes "Philippon" throughout the chapter "En Australie." The great mining city of Victoria is given as "Bellarat." The chapter on tea treats it only as a China product, and ignores the fact that India and Ceylon are beating China in tea production. We are assured (but this is in a translated piece) that a great number of Anglo-Indian families go each year to the Cape to spend the summer. The name of the cape to spend the summer. The name of the last king of Fiji is distorted. Three different accounts of the Cape of Good Hope are quoted, and they do not agree. But it would be useless to try to give a complete account of M. Marmier's blunders.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

Prince Prigio. By Andrew Lang. (Bristol, Arrowsmith.)

Grettir the Outlaw: a Story of Iceland. By S. Baring Gould. (Blackie & Son.)

The Loss of John Humble. By G. Norway.

(Same publishers.) With Lee in Virginia. By G. A. Henty. (Same publishers.)
Thorndyke Manor. By Mary C. Rowsell. (Same

publishers.) Miriam's Ambition. By Evelyn Everett-Green.

(Same publishers.) My Boynie. By Evelyn Everett-Green. (Son-nenschein & Co.) Travels in Dreamland. By Alfred C. Fryer.

(Same publishers.)
Soap-Bubbles. By Isabella Weddle. (Smith &

Innes.) One Little Vein of Dross. By Ruth Lamb.
(Nisbet & Co.)

Number Three, Winifred Place. By Agnes Giberne. (Same publishers.) For Honour's Sake. By Jennie Chappell. (Part-

ridge & Co.) Lost in Africa. By Frederick Horatio Winder. (Sampson Low & Co.) To Him that Overcometh. By Mona. (Reming-

ton & Co.) Knight Asrael, and other Stories. By U. Ashworth Taylor. (Sonnenschein & Co.)
Twice Born. By Alfred E. Knight. (Cauld-

Crumbs from the Children's Table. By Jessie M. E. Saxby. (Same publisher.)

In Fellowship. By the Author of 'Brotherhood.' (Same publisher.)

Mr. Andrew Lang is a master of fairy lore, old and new. Prince Prigio, his latest hero,

is one of the most charming of princes, though he is too clever. His learning brings him into sad straits, but his wit and the favour of the fairies fight for him, and the story of his troubles and his deliverance will entrance the child reader. The battle between the Firedrake and the Remora is indeed gruesome, but it ends as it should, and the chronicler shows us Prince Prigio at last victorious in love and war. illustrations are decidedly attractive.

Mr. Baring Gould's versatility is truly amazing. He does so many things, and he does them all fairly well. Lives of the saints, hymns, strange forgotten bits of history, novels, weird tales of mystery and crime — with all these we are familiar, and now he gives us 'Grettir the Outlaw,' that wonderful Icelandic saga rendered into clear and vigorous English, a treasure for

boys and girls.
'The Loss of John Humble,' like the saga of Grettir, takes the reader up into the wild north. There is always a charm about tales of the sea and Arctic adventures, and Mr. Norway's book is decidedly good of its kind,-Another capital book of adventure is 'With Lee in Virginia story of the American war given with all the spirit and power of that popular writer for boys Mr. G. A. Henty. 'Thorndyke Manor' turns out to be an ex-

citing tale of the '45, the central figure being a villainous spy, who tries, but luckily in vain, to drag honest men into the mire of his treasonable ways. The reader is introduced to the great Sir Robert Walpole, the notorious Lord Lovat, and other historical personages, but the author mostly introduces fictitious folk. The unravelling of the twisted threads of Master Peckover's plot is well managed. Altogether 'Thorndyke Manor' is good reading for a winter afternoon. 'Miriam's Ambition' brings us back to modern

times, and shows that marvellous chances and strange coincidences belong to our day as well as to Jacobite times. Miriam is a lovable little creature, her ambition is altogether worthy, and the story of its fulfilment is excellent read-

ing for girls.

Mrs. Everett Green certainly loves children ad understands their ways. 'My Boynie' is and understands their ways. 'My Boynie' is a most pathetic tale of child life and child love. There is no special incident in the book after the one terrible day that lays poor Boynie low; the one terrible day that lays poor Boynie low; but the events of every day, looked at from the child's point of view, have a meaning, and teach a lesson of their own.—It is difficult to say much for 'Travels in Dreamland' and 'Soap-Bubbles,' save that they are fanciful and fragile fantasies. 'Travels in Dreamland,' whose title speaks for itself, might amuse some not very critical children, but 'Soap-Bubbles' is too misty and dreamy.—'One Little Vein of Dross' is a poor story. It is a long-winded description of a jewel robbery and a baffled detective, given by a lady with a view to illusdetective, given by a lady with a view to illustrating the moral cowardice of her husband!

Family jars and the smoothing thereof are most useful to the story-teller. Miss Giberne in 'Number Three, Winifred Place' is the chronicler of a very pretty family quarrel and its adjustment. There is always a healthy tone in Miss Giberne's writings, and though there is not much originality in 'Number Three, Winifred Place,' it is pleasant enough reading, and quite to be recommended—a remark which emphatically does not apply to the volume entitled 'For Honour's Sake, a medley of people unhappily married. One wretched wife runs away from her husband, Ibsen fashion, to work out her own redemption; another throws herself downstairs and dies, whereupon the widower marries his real mate. Is 'For Honour's Sake' meant

to be a story for girls?

Africa is a good place to be lost in, especially after many sea-fights, all brought about by the relentless action of a villain who has usurped one's heritage, in spite of a will which one knows is concealed in a cave up an African river. The boy hero of 'Lost in Africa' comes manfully

through all the enemy can oppose to him, including captivity among a kind of Ama-Haggard Kaffirs, and recovers the will in a sufficiently dramatic manner. The moral is left to the ingenuous youth appealed to, some of whom will join the colonial frontier forces, others subdue their younger brethren in the back garden or on the country lawn.—Mona's is a tolerable story; but we object to such praise as this: "It is not my place to say it, but I do consider him a most exceptionable man." Why is Miss Douglas Lady Muriel Dorrington when she marries a baronet? and why, oh! why, is the poacher tried in the county court for murder? The finding of the judge and magistrates" scarcely squares with one's notions, faint and distant, of criminal law. Apart from these deductions and a margin for spelling, there is merit in the story, though the exchange of infants at birth is a little trite. - Knight Asrael, and other Stories,' is a mystic book of fairy tales in the most modern style. We doubt whether the ordinary child will appreciate the extreme prolixity of these narratives or take in their esoteric doctrine, such as it is. But older people will find a good many pic-

turesque passages.
'Twice Born' is a sectarian tale. The scene is laid in the house of a Baptist minister, and there is no literary merit in the story, except, one may suppose, a realistic account of a family circle of that sort. The deathbed repentance of the aunt who had relied on "works" is characteristic enough. - Crumbs from the Children's Table' is a blameless little story of family life. A stepmother is left a widow with a number of daughters, and a son who "chaffs furiously" under her control. Ralph goes to New Zealand, and gets cast away at sea, but returns to find Madge, his favourite sister, recovering from an accident incurred in saving a child's life at a fire. Ralph and Madge are tolerable characters. The clergyman who marries Hilda is rather a bore.—'In Fellowship' is another irreproachable volume, telling how a good young man who went into the woollen business saved his more volatile friend from bad ways, married a charming girl, and generally

made the best of both worlds.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

MESSES. LONGMAN publish Cardinal Lavigerie and the African Slave Trade, edited by Mr. Richard Clarke, a work which appears at the right moment, inasmuch as it deals with the subjects which are about to be discussed by the Powers at a conference. We notice that although Cardinal Lavigerie sometimes in his speeches and writings does justice to the British missionaries, yet sometimes he ignores them altogether, as, for example, on p. 127, where he describes the Christian Africa of 1880. He here gives a list of the African missionaries and congregations which takes no account whatever of any Scotch missions, and names only "the English and Irish at the Cape"; while there is a reference to "the Jesuit Fathers.....in the island of Madagascar," which ignores the fact that Madagascar is a Protestant island, civilized by the Church of England, the Wesleyans, and the Congregationalists of the London Missionary Society. The Cardinal is also unwise in his phrase, "The Moslem creed is the masterpiece of Satan," for such a rough-and-ready statement must make him bitter foes in his own diocese and province (both of them mainly inhabited by a settled population of God-fearing Mohammedans), and increase instead of diminish the difficulties in his way. The Queen of England, who rules over nearer sixty than fifty millions of Mohammedans, can certainly not agree at Brussels to take part in a crusade to exterminate the Moslem. Cardinal Lavigerie does not wish her so to do, and it would have been better to have directed his attack against slave traders and bad Mohammedans than to have attacked the whole religion in so trenchant a way. A curious and interesting story is told at

p. 189, to the effect that the sudden change in policy on the part of the Uganda king was caused by his believing what the Arabs told him as to British preference for the regimen of women, which suggested that the Christians would dethrone him in order to set up in his place a black Uganda double of the Queen of England.

THE little volume of 'Songs from the Drama-THE little volume of 'Songs from the Dramatists,' published by the late Mr. Robert Bell between thirty and forty years ago, has given pleasure to a great many people in its time, but it is altogether superseded by the delightful volume of Lyrics from the Dramatists of the Elizabethan Age, which Mr. Bullen has compiled. Mr. Bullen has done much to increase our knowledge of the wealth of Elizabethan lyric control of his new work adds considerably to poetry, and his new work adds considerably to the debt we all owe him. His knowledge of our dramatic literature is much more extensive than Mr. Bell's was, so that he has been able to print a great many charming pieces which his prede-cessorignored, and he has written a preface which is an excellent piece of criticism on his anthology -better criticism probably than any reviewer of his book is likely to evolve. The volume is produced in the handsome and tasteful fashion characteristic of Mr. Nimmo.

Historical Tales and Legends of Ayrshire, by William Robertson (Glasgow, Morison), is a work almost needing a glossary, some such as this: "Bolt from the azure," lightning; "bovine wealth," cattle; "culinary glories of the field or the fold," food; "dense arborial mass," forest; the fold," food; "dense arborial mass," forest; "eternity of immensity that rolls round the globe," sea; "finny denizens," fish; "insurmountable barriers of failing nature," old age; "lapsed remembrance," forgetfulness; "manorhouse redolent of the changing times when society was in the crucible" (?); "orb of day," sun; "pall of Nox," darkness; "winged and four-footed reservations so dear to the heart of the sportsman," game, &c. Of its twenty-eight stories the last is the funniest. Here there are two Crusaders, one of whom refuses to defile himself by "pocketing" one copper of the proffered bribe of a hundred crowns; whilst the other arrives from the East "distinctly hungry, and presently, falling from his steed, is injured internally, and bleeds severely. A doctor, being speedily called in, observes, "I wish that we speedily called in, observes, "I wish that we could find out who he is, so that we might communicate with his friends.

THE literary interest of books intended for school use will probably be admitted, even by all candid manufacturers of such books who have any pretensions to be considered men of letters as well, to be usually but small. There are exceptions, however, and of these is the book which Prof. T. F. Crane, of Cornell University, has published (Putnam's Sons) under the title La Société Française au Dix - septième Siècle, Those rigid ones who insist that a title shall exactly correspond with the contents of the book may have their quarrel with Mr. Crane. His volume is really a series of extracts, often taken from books of great rarity, and representing not merely the novels of Mlle. de Scudéry and her fellows, but the whole miscellaneous literature of the précieuse society — portraits, letters, conversations, etiquette books, gossiping descriptions of the coteries, and what not. No part of this literature, with the exception of a few pieces which have been more or less recently quoted and sometimes reprinted by student of Molière, can be said to be really familiar even to persons well acquainted with French literature; while some parts of it, from the difficulty of finding the copies in large libraries other than those of Paris and London, are almost or quite unknown even to such persons. Prof. Crane appears to have had the happy thought of combining the "Europe voyage" (to use an older phrase), so necessary to his countrymen as a matter of accomplishment and pastime, with the purpose of exploring not merely the British

Museum and the Bibliothèque Nationale, but the libraries of Florence and Wolfenbüttel. He has thus got together a collection of specimens which is almost unique of its kind, and to which we can hardly think of many exact paral-lels even in other kinds. The apparatus which accompanies the texts is also deserving of much, though of unequal praise. The bibliographical information is most generous, and those who accuse Prof. Crane of having stolen their thunder, or even of having followed their guidance to re-positories of thunder, without acknowledgment, must be very few or very unreasonable. notes are full, erudite, and careful as to matters of grammar, of phrase, of personal and real allusion; and the historical and biographical part of the short introduction leaves little to desire. The only points on which Prof. Crane is rather less copious than he should have been, and on which his utterances lack the authority of the rest of the book, are points of literary history and criticism, as to which he is sometimes a little halting, often more than a little meagre, and almost always rather timid. This is the more disap-pointing that when he "ventures to judge" his judgment is usually sound. But modesty in assuming the seat of judgment is too rare to be

accounted a heinous crime.

Histoire des Princes de Condé. Par M. le Duc d'Aumale. Tome V. (Paris, Calmann Lévy.)—The Duc d'Aumale (who continues to respect the best traditions of the language, and the protests of his colleague M. Renan, by employing the "Monsieur" and not the "Monseigneur" on his title-pages) must have concluded his new instalment of the history of the house of Condé before his recent recall from exile. appears from some melancholy, but quite dignified words, the occupation must have been a not unpleasant one to beguile the time. But the particular stage of the subject has not provided material quite so interesting as that which the duke was able to put before his readers at his last appearance. The epoch-making battle of last appearance. Rocroy finds counterpart neither in the prac-tical defeat of Lerida, nor in the comparatively insignificant operations round Dunkirk, nor even in the victory of Lens, important as this was to France; while that part of the complicated struggles of the Fronde which the volume covers could only have been made fully interesting by giving it a treatment improperly developed for the history of a special subject. Lens was rather a lucky scramble than a deliberate and planned victory; nor does it present any-thing which can be regarded by favourable critics as the temerity of genius, like the famous critics as the temerity of genius, like the famous cavalry manœuvre of Rocroy. If the Spanish infantry, now of very different quality from that of the old Tercios, had properly supported the success twice gained by Ligniville and his Loraine cavalry, or even if the archduke and his adviser Fuensaldagna had not committed the childish mistake of holding back their reserves till too late, the victory would have almost certainly gone the other way; and it is by no means clear that Conde's generalship did anything, or at any rate much, to secure it. He made fair dispositions, and the reckless valour, now not undisciplined, of that French nobility for which the Duc de Broglie has not unjustly claimed the lion's share of the French successes from Rocroy to Fontenoy, did the rest. On the causes of the failure at Lerida the historian, for so patient a writer, dwells rather lightly, though he does not in the least disguise them. who was nothing so little as a braggart, never disguised them himself. He was not a great taker of towns; for you cannot take a town, if it be well fortified and stoutly defended, at a at be well fortified and stoutly defended, at a hand-gallop, and the hand-gallop was undoubtedly the pace most suited to Condé's military genius. If he had been in Marlborough's place he would probably have won Ramillies and certainly Oudenarde; he might, though it is doubtful, have won Blenheim; but he would never have taken Lille or Tournay. In the non-

military part of the history the duke has also had to use a very little economy. He mentions faithfully, though discreetly enough, Condé's (he becomes really "Condé" about half through the volume by the death of his father) unsuccessful love for Marthe du Vigean, and his association with the "Libertins," of whom Saint Evremond was the most respectable. But he does not, so far as we have noticed, refer to the worst scandals which spiced the lampoons about Lerida, and which were very likely due to the notorious facts that the prince was on bad, or at any rate cool, terms with his wife, and not openly the lover of any one else. He has moreover to deal with a great mass of the ugly proceedings untranslatably known as brigue—the perpetual intriguing and scheming in competition for places of distinction and emolument which, as it has been justly said, was even more the cause of the downfall of the ancien régime, and of the rottenness of the French aristocracy just before that downfall, than privilege, than the absence of representative institutions, than unequal or representative institutions, than unequal taxation, than, in fact, anything. Perhaps the duke takes La Rochefoucauld (or Marsillac, as he then was) too literally when the future author of the 'Maxims' sets down as his reason for paying court to Madame de Longueville that he could make "un usage plus considérable" of the lady's favour than her then lover, and that he convinced that lover by argument of the fact. But by this time the art of obtaining preferment (the art of keeping it naturally became more difficult as the other became more popular) had been arranged almost scientifically; and if the practice of it was by no means the sole employment of the nobility, it was the object towards which almost all their employments tended. Condé, though rather given to patronizing others than to amassing for himself, was not at all behind his inferiors in this game of grab; and it was this that made him, as it made others for a time, something very like a traitor. But the duke leaves off in the middle, or rather at the beginning, of that story. The volume has for frontispiece a good engraving of Coysevox's wild-looking, but energetic bust of the prince; it has an extremely full appendix of unpublished documents from the Chantilly archives; and it is, as usual, distinguished by that excellent kind of annotation, identifying, and shortly describing personages mentioned which has become almost invariable in all the best French histories, and which is still so often to seek in even the best English ones. The literary merit is as high as ever, though it has rather less occasion of showing itself. But we have less occasion of showing itself. But we have noted one slip curious in so exact a writer and in a man so well acquainted with things English as the Duc d'Aumale. He says of "la Déclaration Royale du 22 Octobre, 1648," that it was "une manière de charte," but that individual liberty was not guaranteed by it, although the Parlement would have liked to define the habeas corpus almost in the terms of Hampden, those "que la Révolution d'Angleterre consacrait à l'heure même." The confusion may easily be forgiven; but it is not inconsiderable.

Among the tasteful reprints sent to us by Messrs. Macmillan are The Roman and the Teuton, not one of Kingsley's best books, with an apologetic preface by Prof. Max Müller, good in its way, but why did the professor go out of his road to quote Bunsen's absurd attinute of Kingsley which solve they are the content of the second sections of the second second sections of the second secon go out of his road to quote Bunsen's absurd estimate of Kingsley, which only shows that residence in England had not endowed the Prussian ambassador with ability to criticize English literature?—Doctor Claudius, by Mr. Crawford, Tom Brown at Oxford, by Judge Hughes, Bye-Words, by Miss Yonge, and Storm Warriors, by the Rev. John Gilmore.—Messrs. Blackett & Hallam continue their welcome research of Mrs. Walford's stories the last arrival issue of Mrs. Walford's stories, the last arrival being Cousins,-The extraordinary success of the sixpenny edition of 'Westward Ho!' has naturally encouraged Messrs. Macmillan to issue Hypatia at the same wonderfully low rate.

WE are unable to praise The Annals of our Time: a Diurnal of Events from February 24th, 1871, to the Jubilee, June 20th, 1887, compiled by Mr. Joseph Irving, and published by Messrs.
Macmillan & Co. It is, indeed, difficult to
discover on what principle Mr. Irving has made his selections of newspaper extracts, and we fear that his volume will not be found to be of

WE have received from Messrs. Bemrose & Sons a number of Calendars and Monthly Diaries, all to our taste except the Scripture Calendar. -We have also received the Book-Post Calendar of Messrs. Griffith & Farran, which shows some ingenuity.—The Law Almanac (T. Scott & Co.), which has attained a venerable age, has passed into new ownership and been improved.

WE have on our table Early Britain, by A. J. Church (Fisher Unwin),—The Story of Father Damien, by F. E. Cooke (Sonnenschein),-John Winter, by E. Garrett (Partridge), - On the Ocean of Time, by E. Tatham (Hodder & Stoughton), -Uncle Toby's Birthday Book (Scott), Nature Stories, by Young Pan (Hamilton), The Yarl's Yacht, by J. M. E. Saxby (Nisbet), —A Bid for Yacht, by J. M. E. Saxby (Nisbet),—A Bid for the Laureateship, by T. J. Macartney (Simpkin), —Poems, by J. T. Chapman (Bristol, Arrowsmith),—English Prose Writings of John Milton, edited by H. Morley, LL.D. (Routledge),—The Coat without Seam Torn, by D. Macleane (Griffith & Farran),—The Fate of the Dead, by T. Clarke (F. Norwete). T. Clarke (F. Norgate), — Romance of Psalter and Hymnal, by the Rev. R. E. Welsh and F. G. Edwards (Hodder & Stoughton), —Island und die Faröer, by A. Baumgartner (Freiburg, Herder), — Untersuchungen über das Mitteleng-lische Gedicht 'Wars of Alexander,' by J. B. Henneman (Berlin, Bernstein),—Das Gewissen, by Dr. W. Schmidt (Williams & Norgate),— Nouvelles Similitudes Françaises-Arabes, by P. Radiot (Paris, Leroux),—Ueber Lesen und Bildung, by A. Schönbach (Graz, Leuschner & Lubensky),—and Exposition Universelle Internationale, Guide Définitif, Technique, et Pittoresque (Paris, 'Nouvelle Revue' Office). Among New (Paris, 'Nouvelle Revue' Office). Among New Editions we have A Short History of the English People, by J. R. Green, Parts I. to III. (Macmillan), —Three Lectures on the Science of Language, by F. Max Müller (Longmans), —The Animal Alkaloids, Cadaveric and Vital, by A. M. Brown, M.D. (Hirschfeld Brothers), —A Text-Book of Physional Physion of Physion M.D. (Macmillan) Cadaveric and Vital, by A. M. Brown, M.D. (Hirschfeld Brothers),—A Text-Book of Physiology, by M. Foster, M.D., Vol. II. (Macmillan),—Inebriety: its Etiology, Pathology, Treatment, and Jurisprudence, by N. Kerr, M.D. (Lewis),—Macaulay, by J. C. Morison (Macmillan),—On Guard, by Capt. M. Quayle-Jones (Chatham, Gale & Polden),—and The Epping Hunt, by T. Hood (Glasgow, Bryce). Also the following Pamphlets: Child Thoughts on the Christianity of the Niveteenth Century (J. Heywood).—The of the Nineteenth Century (J. Heywood),—The Good Old Times, by T. W. Wheeler (Woodfall & Kinder),-The Conditions required for a Healthy Kinder),—The Conditions required for a Healthy House, by T. C. Railton (J. Heywood),—The A B C of a Healthy House, by R. W. Boyd (Boyd & Son),—Electric Light for the Million, by A. F. Guy (Simpkin),—Modern Cremation, by Dr. Prosper de Pietra Santa (Paris, Société Française d'Hygiène),—and Income-Tax Grievances and their Remedy, by A. Chapman (E. Wilson).

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Beet's (J. A.) The Credentials of the Gospels, 8vo. 2/6 cl.
Briggs's (O. A.) Whither? a Theological Question for the
Times, 8vo. 7/6 cl.
Calthrop's (Rev. H.) Mey Edaland, containing the Dioceses of
Auckland, Christchurch, &c., 12mo. 5/cl.
Knight's (A. E.) Bible Plants and Animals, cr. 8vo. 2/6 cl.
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Rest of the Words of Baruch, Christian Apocalypse of the
Year 136 a.D., revised by J. R. Harris, 8vo. 5/cl.
Smith's (J. D.) Christ Unveiled, cr. 8vo. 5/cl.
Thomas's (D.) The Acts of the Apostles, 8vo. 10/6 cl.

Law.

Bishop of Lincoln's Case, a Report of Proceedings, with Appendix by E. S. Roscoe, roy. 8vo. 4/ cl.

Public General Acts, 52 and 53 Vict., 1889, 8vo. 3/ cl.

Fine Art and Archaelogy. Fine Art and Archæology.
Hogarth's (D. G.) Devia Cypria, Notes of an Archæological Journey in Cyprus in 1888, roy. 8vo. 14/ cl.
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Mullin's (R.) A Primer of Sculpture, or. 8vo. 2/6 cl.
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Carus's (Dr. P.) Fundamental Problems, cr. 8vo. 4/ cl.

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Anglo-Saxon Chronicles, from 800 to 1001 A.D., edited by
J. F. Davis, cr. 8vo. 4/6 cl.

Bright (John), a Non-Political Sketch of a Good Man's Life,
by Rev. C. Bullock, cr. 8vo. 2/cl.

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THE DEATH OF THE COUNT OF ARMANIAC.

"THERE'S nothing in the world so dear To a true knight," he cried, "As his own sister's honour!

Now God be on our side!

The walls of Alexandria That stand so broad and high, The walls of Alexandria They answered to the cry.

And thrice, his trumpets blaring, He rides around those walls: "Come forth, ye knights of Lombardy, Ye craven knights!" he calls.

Armaniac, O Armaniac, Why rode ye forth at noon? Was there no hour at even, No morning cool and boon?

The swords of Alexandria He kept them all at bay, But oh, the summer sun at noon It strikes more deep than they.

Oh for a drink of water! Oh for a moment's space To loose the iron helm and let The wind blow on his face !

He turned his eyes from left to right, And at his hand there stood

The shivering white poplars
That fringed a little wood. And as he reeled along the grass,

Behold, as chill as ice The water ran beneath his foot, And he thought it Paradise.

" Armaniac! O Armaniac!" His distant knights rang out; And "Armaniac" there answered them The mountains round about.

Armaniac, O Armaniac, The day is lost and won: Your hosts fight ill without a chief When the foe is three to one.

At dusk there rides a Lombard squire, With his train, into the copse, And when they reach the water side His horse whinnies and stops,

For dead beside the white water A fallen knight they find; His helmet lies upon the grass, His locks stir in the wind.

"Now speak a word, my prisoners, What great captain is he Who died away from battle Alone and piteously?

Woe! and woe for Armaniac, And wee for all of us, And woe for his own sister, That he be fallen thus!

For "Where's the Count of Armaniac?" The Lombard women sing; "He died at Alexandria Of the water of a spring !"

Thy name is made a mock, my lord, Thy vengeance still to pay, And we must pine in Lombardy For many and many a day.

A. MARY F. ROBINSON (Madame James Darmesteter).

LETTERS BY EDWARD FITZGERALD.

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(Concluded.)

Little Grange: Woodbridge, Longest Day of 1877.

My DEAR SIR, — It is very kind of you to remember me and my "Works"! as Quaritch once advertized two Translations. I had seen the Atlantic, which indeed I have taken in for the last 2 years because of my friend Mrs. Kemble's "Gossip." She has discontinued that since she returned to England, and I was just thinking I had no more need of the Atlantic; and yet I like to see some American Notices of English Works. I always think that (ceteris paribus) utter Strangers will be fairer Judges than those who know and live with Authors, Editors, Publishers, and belong to the Clubs and Societies they are to be met at: Even we Country folks have that one advantage over you in London; though London is the best place after all. And all this may seem as if I were scratching the strangers who has scratched me:—but I do not think that is my reason: though you were among the strangers to me who tickled me most effectively. Some one also sent me an American Nation newspaper with a handsome Review in it. I threw the cover of the Paper away on opening it, so I did not recognize the MS. address.

But this is enough of all this. Some little while ago I read a Volume of Matterhorn ascents, ending with that fatal one: very unaffectedly and well written, I thought; it is stupid to forget the Writer's name. I suppose you will be going off to the snowy peaks soon: Mrs. Kemble writes me she is just going: Mountains being an early passion of her's. She even bid me go too: but it is too late for me to begin to love Switzerland, and I get no further than Suffolk now. You must be hot enough in London, as we are down here: yet I always remember the "shady side" of the long well-watered Streets, and the smell of Mignionette and Roses in the Balconies—in the days when "Medea in Corinto" with Pasta figured out into the dear old "King's Theatre," and Edmund Kean could yet totter on the stage in Othello—never to be forgotten in his last Decay.

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Let me thank you again for your kind rememLet me thank your again for your kind rememE. FITZGERALD.

Woodbridge: Friday My DEAR SIR,—Thank you for St. James, which put me on the Matterhorn once more—or as near as I shall ever get to it, I dare say. There should be a Portrait given of Melchior, the King: one of the Three Kings of Cologne, I think. Those shattered remnants of the Fatal Descent are very touching: and the King's simple allusion to them.

I suppose you will be in the same Company—Man and Mountain—this Summer also. One may well wish a Man "Good Speed" who goes such Errands: as I heartily wish you now: being your's very truly, E, FG.

12. Marine Terrace, Lowestoft, Sunday [1877]. 12, Marine Terrace, Lowestoft, Sunday [1877].

MY DEAR SIR,—The Mountain came to Mahomet
—as near as he wishes such a Mountain to come.
You yourself can't help looking at that Matterhorn
without a sort of distrust, though you have been up
him. I wonder how you keep your Body—and Soul
—in trim for such perilous Exertion, living so much
as you do, I suppose, in London, reading and writing
Books, in Easy Chairs, &c. But it is all the more
creditable to be able to keep one's Courage, Strength,

and Energy for such Adventure when your Holyday does come. And then we in flat Suffolk get the Benefit of it in a Shilling No of a Magazine—the dear old Gentleman's—and some of us without having to pay even so much for our Pleasures. Thank you for it.

ing to pay even so much for our Pleasures. Thank you for it.

I had meant to say thus much To-day—(Sunday a Letter-writing Day somehow). And this day comes your Athenaum Extract about old Omar. You set him afloat a Year ago, and now, I suppose, some of the Critics who praised after you will turn against him when the Lady's Version exposes his Infidelities. But he has had a much longer Life than ever he looked for when he was exposed as a penny Foundling in Quaritch's Castle Street Shop near 20 years ago. The truth is, I just printed it at first—like my other Great Works—for a few friends, and gave the Extra Copies to Q in his Corner, who had recommended me the Printer. And now those who care must settle the matter to their own liking: and may revenge themselves on King Agamemnon (if any one would give—9x., I believe!—for him) for any indiscreet Regard they may [have] been led into for the other.

Your's sincerely,

E. FITZGERALD.

MY DEAR SIR,—I am sorry that you have had

MY DEAR SIR,—I am sorry that you have had your trouble in my behalf in vain: especially as I shall probably fare less well under Mr. Morley's other Contributor's hands than under your's. One comfort is that you have so much the pen of a ready writer that the Article has taken but little time—I wonder at your seed.

comfort is that you have so much the pen of a ready writer that the Article has taken but little time—I wonder at your speed.

Now, I will in return make a very small offer of service—which will probably be unavailable by you.

Along with your Letter, I found on my table this morning an old Copy of a once very celebrated Book which I have look'd for in Catalogues these 30 years, 'Melmoth the Wanderer,' by Charles Maturin—a fable of Faust-like Diablerie, which had it's effect on me and others more than 50 years ago: whether with any good reason, I have not yet begun to try. But one who fell with me then was Thackeray, when we both had just left College: and (as you may see in a Letter from him which Lewes introduced into his Life of Goethe) W. M. T. as early as 1830-1, when just return'd from Weimar, was reminded of Melmoth's Eyes (a, v.) by those of old Goethe. After W. M. T.'s death I mention'd this to his Publishers, Smith & Elder, and ask'd them if it might not be worth their while to reprint this Melmoth in a shilling Railway Vol., with W. M. T.'s notice of it. S. & E. or their Foreman of course politely said they would think of it, and of course did so no more.

The upshot of this long Story is, that if you should feel a curiosity about the Book, or think it likely that something c⁴ be made of it, I will send it up unread to you: and am, with all thanks for your good offices,

Littlegrange, Woodbridge, Jan. 28.

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My DEAR SIR,—Indeed I do not forget you, nor
the good you did old Omar; I suppose, hastening a
new Edition—and (so far as I am concerned) a final
one. I would send it to you if I thought you had
not enough of it. I think it scarcely differs from
that which you appraised

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I will not otherwise be ungrateful in such return as I can make for the little favour you ask of me. Along with this Letter to you, I post your own to Mrs. Kemble; telling her that I know you by interchange of Book and Letter, &c., but that I do not know of Mr. Z., whom perhaps she does know somewhat of, whether from having seen him "in Character"; or she may if she pleases ask about him from her Nephew H. Kemble. For she goes but little to the Play, and concerns herself not at all with its Representatives. She lives not in Cheltenham, but always (except when out on visits) in London.....

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My DEAR SIR,—You must entirely please yourself about Salámán: he cannot derive anything but good from what you are pleased to say in his favour: but I still think you might find a subject much fitter to interest your Readers, and therefore to benefit the work that does so. Might you satisfy your kind intentions by some by-may notice of S. in some Article otherwise devoted? I do not say that the little Book is not interesting in many respects, but I do not think it is of a kind to interest British readers, though it has interested me—and, it appears, you, among them. me-and, it appears, you, among them.

One thing I will note, though it may not affect your present liking, or your present purpose:—the Generation of Salámán in the original is effected by quite material, gross, and childish means; which certainly could (as I have alter'd it) have been managed through the Sage's magic Efficacy as well as other miracles wrought by him in the Story. I wonder Jámi did not see this: but one cannot account for the childish short-comings of even the best Oriental Imagination. That is, of course, if little I be right.

Oh, yes! As to your Vexations, the Spanish (rather childish also) say of them they prove they are cowards by coming in a host upon one: and one of their Proverbs runs—"Welcome, Misfortune, if you come alone."

Woodbridge, Jan. 20/83.

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My DEAR SIR,—I am afraid, on finding Tinsley by post this morning—afraid lest you should think that I had neglected to order it for myself before. Oh no! I had ordered, and had received it, a few days after I—or you—had wrote on the subject—nearly three weeks ago, I think.

But, if I think that scarce any recognition except Thank's is the better way in such cases—still more

Thanks is the better way in such cases—still more so do I think so where oneself is the subject of the Writer's praise. And therefore I shall only say again Writer's praise. And therefore I shall only say again that I thank you very sincerely for taking the trouble to write an Article which is so very much more devoted to displaying my work, than your own in commenting (except in the way of praise) upon it : comment on the Sufi subject of the Poem offering so fair a field for the Reviewer to enlarge on, and of which you show yourself so capable of writing, in such remarks as you have allowed yourself space to make on the subject.

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make on the subject.
I only stumble on the frequent repetition of my name, which (as I may have told you) is for certain reasons distasteful to me.
All this I write between the receipt of your Tinsley and the going of our earlier post; for I do not wish you to suppose for an hour longer than necessary that I have been, or am, unmindful of your kindness.

that I have been, of all, proceedings and procedure in the series.

I may shortly send you a "broacher" (as hereabouts we call it) wherein I have done for an Original Poet what you have done for a Translator: on my own condition that you shall just say "Thank you" and no more to your's sincerely obliged—

LITTLEGRANGE!

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Woodbridge: February 19.

My DEAR SIB,—You will see, if you get the Book which is to be posted along with this letter, that I have been doing for an Original Poet what you so kindly did for a Translator. I should not wonder, Reader as you are, that you know no more of my old Crabbe than his ugly name; I cannot expect that you have cared much for him even on further acquaintance, so completely has he drifted away from modern Forms of Poetry. And as for general Readers: I tell Quaritch, who consents to publish, that if he sells two dozen Copies it will be as much as I expect. So there was no great use in my making the Book at all:—but I had it at heart to get some two dozen or so to believe that my old as much as I expect. So there was no great use in my making the Book at all:—but I had it at heart to get some two dozen or so to believe that my old Crabbe was worth something more than utter Death and oblivion. "Voilà qui est fait," as Made de Sévigné says. "Parlons d'autres choses." I might chat as she does, had I other things to talk of: but they are not plentiful down here, and I know scarce anything of the outer world. My Reader told me Wagner was dead; not one of whose works I have ever heard. So he is all "Crabbe" to me. I feel occasional intimations that my "Bosomenemy" Bronchitis is smouldering within: and will, I suppose, break out when March winds blow.

But, before I come to the end of my paper, let me charge you to do by me as I do by you and all others in the like case. If you acknowledge the receipt of my Book at all (which is not necessary) just say "Thank you," AND NO MORE.

Your's sincerely,

E. FITZ-LITTLEGRANGE.

Woodbridge: Thursday.

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My dear Sir,—I must say at once that I myself, and not Quaritch, am responsible for the getting up of the Book. He only undertook to publish: and perhaps I ought to have let him see the Book before he allowed his name to be on the Title-page. I write to him by this same post to tell him that, unless he repudiates the Book altogether, he can, if he pleases, insert a slip to say the Editor and not Publisher are responsible for any shortcomings.

Thank you for simply thanking me as I asked. Surely this is the best way in such cases, both for Giver and Receiver. If one asks for an Opinion before publication, well and good: but, when once launched, one should leave one's Friends to their own opinions—and the Public (viz. my 30 possible purchasers) to their's. I tell Quaritch it is not worth advertizing, or even (I believe) sending to the Reviews, I would not mind the expense if I thought I could much the more draw notice to my old Poet,

This note is my first trial of a new Steel pen, which I find not so good as my old "Waverleys."
Your's sincerely, LITTLEGRANGE, which name I was minded to put on my Title-page—but—let it go without.

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My Dear Sir,—Quaritch no doubt sent you the Crabbe out of regard to the help you have given himself and me in our Persian adventures. Pray do what you will with it; only providing that no hint is given to any recipient that a notice of any sort is asked for from him; that is all: my illustrious Fitz-Omar name he is welcome to.

When I first published Omar under Quaritch's name—23 years ago—I advertized it in one or two Papers, though he told me then in his crude way there was no use in so doing; and this, though I had given him most of the Copies: which (with all Advertisement) he either sold at 1d, apiece, or consigned to waste paper. And when I wrote to him a few days [ago] not to advertize Crabbe, he has not advised the contrary, and therefore I suppose he is of the same mind as he was 23 years ago. The name of "Crabbe" would only remind people of the Rejected Addresses' unless with such a name as that of M. Arnold, or Gosse, or some of the known Critics for Editor. I have sent the Book to Leslie Stephen (whom I do not personally know) simply because I have ventured to dispute his Judgment of Crabbe in my Preface. But I have told him, as I told yourself, to say no more than "Thank you" if he acknowledges the Book at all; which very likely he won't, busy man as he is, and perhaps none the more inclined by what I have said of him, though I do mean what I have said as to his general excellence as an Essay-writer on all such subjects. His first wife was, you know, a Daughter of my old Friend Thackeray, but I had left London before that marriage came on the carpet.

I really take it kindly of Quaritch to be troubled at all with a Book which can bring him in no profit; and this too in spite of those blemishes of my own making in the getting-up. I wrote to him the day I had your letter observing on them: and I bid him either abjure the Book or slip in a notice that he was not accountable for it's disfigurements. He replies, however, that he doe

THE ORIGIN OF THE LORD ALMONER'S PROFESSORSHIP OF ARABIC.

It is well known that besides the Laudian Professorship at Oxford there is an Arabic chair at each of the sister universities under the style and patronage of the Lord Almoner of England. The origin of these ancient professorships is admittedly obscure. The Oxford Calendar states that the history of the endowment "cannot be ascertained"; but the Cambridge Calendar, withascertained "jout the Cambridge Calendar, with-out any apparent authority, fixes the date of its establishment in the year 1724. It is true that this was an eventful year in the history of uni-versity endowments, but the origin of the Lord High Almoner's Professorship can be assigned to a considerably higher antiquity.

During the closing years of the seventeenth

century and the opening years of the eighteenth a very lively diplomatic correspondence was carried on with the Barbary States on the one hand and the Grand Seignor on the other. Even without the evidence of Defoe's famous narrative we can form some idea of the interests that England had at stake in these quarters from the statement of her admirable consular agent that within his own memory three thousand English seamen had been enslaved, and as many English seamen had been enslaved, and as many English families kept in terrible suspense. The great "Algirine" difficulty was now, however, in a fair way to be settled "by composition," and especially by means of judicious "gifts"; for "next to our women," the gallant consul observes, the Deys admired certain fieldpieces which had been presented to them by the Crown.

On the other hand, this childlike admiration was not reciprocated by the English in one important respect at least, for the Government experienced some trouble in obtaining the services of experts to transact its Arabic correspondence, ex-chaplains and factors, when in linguistic difficulties, being quite prepared to maintain that the Orientals could not write their own language grammatically. It was under these circumstances that in the year 1699 the Crown resolved "for the service of the public" to better the available instruction in Oriental languages by an endowment, the nature of which is luminously described in the following royal warrant :-

languages by an endowment, the nature of which is luminously described in the following royal warrant:

WILLIAM R.

Our Will and Pleasure is that you forthwith prepare a Bill for our Royal Signature to pass our Privy Seale in these words or to this effect:

William ye third &c to ye Comm¹⁰ of Our Treasury now being and to ye High Treasurer & Under Treasurer of Our Exchequer or Comm¹⁰ of Our Treasury for ye time being, Greeting. Whereas wee thinke it for Service of ye Publique that some young students in Our University of Oxford should be instructed in ye Modern Arabick and Turkish Languages, and whereas we are gratiously pleased for that Purpose to Grant and Allow one Annuity or yearly salary of one hundred pounds of Lawfull Money of England from ye Twenty fifth day of March 1699 to be received at ye Receipt of Our Exchequer by ye Right Reverend Father in God Wm Lord Bishop of Oxon. or ye Bishop of that See for ye Time being, and to be applyed and paid over by ye said Bishop from time to time in manner following; that is to say—To Our Trusty and well beloved John Wallis and Benjae Marshall (who are recommended to us by ye most Reverend Father in God Thomas, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, as persons who have a Genius for languages) 40¹⁰ p Annum each, and to Our Trusty and well beloved Thomas Hyde, Doctor in Divinity, for instructing of them in ye said languages 20¹⁰ per annum. Our will and Pleasure is and wee doe hereby direct, authorize and command that out of any our Revenue or Treasure from time to time being or remaining in ye Receipt of Our Exchequer applicable to ye uses of Our Civill Government you pay or cause to be paid unto ye said Wm Lord Bishop of Oxon, or to ye Bishop of that see for ye time being ye said Annuity or yearly Salary of 100¹¹ from ye said 25th day of March last past, Quarterly at the Four most suall Feasts or days of payment in ye year, by even and equall Porcons during our pleasure. That is to say, ye feast of ye Nativity of Saint John ye Baptist now last past; and that ye sa

J. Smith Hen. Boyle

To ye clerke of Our Signett attending.

It would seem, however, that just as the establishment of the Arabic consulate was in arrears of salary for eight years, so the new studentships were more readily created than maintained by the most prodigal of constitutional sovereigns. At length, in the summer of 1701, two years' stipend due at Lady Day was forthcoming, being paid as directed in the warrant to the Bishop of Oxford.

In the first year of the next reign the remaining arrears were discharged, and the new endow-ment was provided for in the royal pension list

ment was provided by the following warrant:—

ANNE R.

An Establishment of yearly payments to be made by Ed. Nicholas, Esq......which Our Pleasure is shall commence from the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist now last past, 1702. To Our Almoner.....for the Arabick Professor at Oxford, being 80% per annum for the support and maintenance of two youths from time to time to be instructed in that language, and 20% per ann. to the said professor for his paines in teaching them—10%.

By Her Mat' command,
Godolphin.

The endowment, now immediately connected with the department of the Lord Almoner, seems to have been more or less regularly maintained during this reign. It is not always easy to identify the students themselves, but one of them must have been somewhat unduly favoured by the authorities if he was indeed the Barnard Gates who, besides his annuity of 40l., was in receipt of a further bounty for the maintenance of himself and "his Turkishe Girl."

In the first year of George I. a warrant, dated December 20th, 1714, states that "whereas it hath been represented to Us that there was directed by severall Warrants and Establishments signed by Our late Royal Sister, Queen Anne, in that behalfe to be paid by the hands of her Almoner (amongst others) 100l. per ann. for two students in Arabick, and it having been farther represented that nothing has been paid in any of the said allowances since Mids, 1714," one quarter's stipend should forthwith be paid by the Sub-Almoner.

In fact, the last recorded payment in the late reign was for three quarters ending at Lady-day, 1714, which had been paid by Dr. Ed. Oliver, the queen's Sub-Almoner, "for an Arabick Professor at Oxford at 100l. per ann.-75l."

The next payment entered in the Almoner's accounts, from Michaelmas, 1714, to Michaelmas, 1715, exhibits an important variation in the title and nature of the endowment. It is as follows: "More to the Lord Almoner for two Arabick professors at Oxford and Cambridge at 50l. each for the same time."

From this entry we gather that for some cause, and by some authority not recorded in any form, the earlier students had blossomed forth into professors, whose spheres of duty had now been transferred to the sister universities in strict equality of endowment. It would certainly be most natural to suppose that this change represented a new intention of the Crown; but, on the other hand, all the existing evidences tend to show that this important departure was merely the result of a natural evolution, and that the new professor was but the old student "writ large." It is almost certain, in fact, that the last students were the first professors upon the new establishment, since in the entry cited above their salaries are subjected to a deduction in respect of an advance already made to them in the previous year, when they were still known as the Oxford students.

Moreover, the new professors were in succeeding accounts styled indiscriminately "the Arabic students" and "the Arabic professors." Thus, a warrant of February, 1715, alludes to them in the former character; but in the first establishment of this reign we have the following designation, which may be taken as the final recognition of the modern endowment :-

GEORGE R. An Establishment of certain Annual Pentions and annuities which Our Pleasure is shall commence from the 24th day of June 1714 and be paid and accounted payable Quarterly during Our Pleasure,Other Pentions or charities granted or continued by Her late Mat/ Queen Anne. To the Lord Almoner.....for an Arabick Professor at Oxford and at Cambridge, each 50%.—100%.

Given at our Court at St. James the 12th day of August 1715, in the Second Year of Our Reign.

By His Mat* command,

Carlisle
Rid Onslow
Wm St Quintin
Edwd Wortley.

From this date the bounty has been continuously paid by the Crown, through the Lord Almoner, for each endowment, and it is, there-fore, indisputable that the modern professorships date from the 24th of June, 1714, whilst it is at least an open question whether, on the strength of an established continuity of functions, the Oxford professorship may not be held to have originated with the endowment sanctioned by Privy Seal, from the 25th of March, 1699.

HUBERT HALL.

AN UNKNOWN (?) PAMPHLET BY DICKENS.

A PAMPHLET, which in separate form is unknown to me, and, I believe, to bibliographers in general, has just been brought to my notice, and a description of it will probably be of interest to readers of the Athenœum. The titlepage, which forms the front wrapper, reads as

Drooping Buds, | by | Charles Dickens, Esq. | Printed for private circulation | by the | Royal In-firmary Dorcas Society | To awaken Interest | in an | Hospital for Sick Children | In Glasgow. | 1866.

It consists of eleven pages only. At the head of each right-hand page appear the words, "From Dickens's Household Words."

I have not had time to refer to this periodical for the date of the appearance of the article, but it bears internal evidence of having appeared about 1858, shortly after the opening of the Children's Hospital in Great Ormond Street, about which it treats.

The style of the pamphlet is by no means conclusive as to its right to claim Dickens as its author, and I should think it more than probable that, like the similar pamphlet 'A Curious Dance round a Curious Tree,' it was written under the editor's directions, and that his name

was afterwards lent for charitable purposes.

I should mention that the pamphlet was found by Mr. Spencer, the bookseller in Oxford Street, to whom the credit of its discovery is due. Chas. P. Johnson.

EDITIONS OF 'MARMION.'

November, 1889.

MR. BAYNE asks me why I did not in my second edition, published in 1887, contradict Mr. Rolfe's claim to be the first editor who correctly punctuated the opening lines of the second canto of 'Marmion.' The question is easily answered. I never saw Mr. Rolfe's 'Marmion' until last month, when, on reading the praise given him by Mr. Bayne for his critical acumen, sent to America for a copy of his 1885 edition, in order to determine whether he did really anticipate me in removing the objectionable full Although he turned out to be three months behind me, I by no means wish to insinuate that he copied me. It is extremely unlikely that an edition published in Bombay in January, 1885, should have found its way to Boston by April of the same year. The emenda-tion is so obviously correct that it is no great wonder that it should have independently occurred to two editors on opposite sides of the globe. The only wonder is that it escaped so many previous editors.

MICHAEL MACMILLAN.

** We cannot insert any more letters on this

THE YOUNGER CRAGGS IN HANOVER, 1706.

THE 'Dictionary of National Biography,' in the account given of the life of James Craggs the younger, refers but briefly to his visit in early years to the Court of Hanover, and, indeed, few authentic details of the event have apparently come to light. In the course of a recent examination of the correspondence from Hanover, in the time of Queen Anne, preserved among the State Papers, two or three letters were noticed which supply some rather curious information on the subject.

Emanuel Howe, our envoy at Hanover, writes to Secretary Harley on January 26th, 1705/6:—

"Having had suffitient grounds to suspect Mr. Craggs by his behavior for some time past, I cas'd trusting him in any manner of busines whatsoever. I saw plainely he was gott in with Mr Bard who calls herselfe Lady Bellamont, and with others who calls herselfe Lady Bellamont, and with others who have done their endeavours continually to cross my transactions here for the Queen's service; upon which I thought fitt to stop his packett he sent last post to my secretary, in which I found the inclosed which I send you at present only a coppy of, not thinking itt convenient to send the originall now, for reasons you shall also know by a properor

occation; you will be judge what this fellow is & what is fitt to be done with him; as for the woman you know her carrecter, & as simple as they make her she is capable enough of doeing and does doe great deale of mischeife here, she endevours to draw in all the English that come here, & upon my comeing here imediatly attempted all the servants of my family & began with my chaplain & secretary, who finding she could doe nothing with, they answearing her very short, she sent for the very ordinary servants of my house, one by one; but all this is a traffe. this is a tryfle.....

The document attached to the above letter is endorsed in Robert Harley's hand, "Copy of Mr. Craggs intercepted letter, Jan. 21, 1705. Rec. from Mr. Howe Feb. 3." A portion of it runs

"I can assure you that I am more at a loss then you at the coldness the Envoy show'd, because I cannot to this hour accuse myself of the least fault towards him, and I perceive you suspect me of some one that I won't own. I'll venture to tell you the carecter the Electoress gave me of him and his Lady, carecter the Electoress gave me of him and his Lady, I love them (says she) both very well, but he's a fool and she is very ill-natured; and upon my word nothing was ever more truly spoken, nor in less words, for he keeps no correspondence with any body living, and people talk here publickly of his incapacity, and she is at odds with all the women of the court, and you may be very positive that he cannot stay here six months longer unless he alters entirely his manner of living. entirely his manner of living....

After a great deal more to the same purport, Craggs goes on :-

"I have already told you he [Howe] 's looked upon as a very weak man, and therefore meets with very little regard here more then what he absolutely must as a very weak man, and therefore meets with very little regard here more then what he absolutely must have as the Queen of England's envoy. On the contrary I have had the good luck to make myself acceptable to everybody here, insomuch that the Elector, who is the coldest man alive, told the Electoress that I made him a great many bows, but never came to see him; which she told me again, and, what no stranger ever was here before, I am always invited into the parties of pleasure of the women that are best at court, which I know proceeds from her Highnesse's recommandation. M' How seeing me keep the best company, often called into the Electoresses closet, everybody speaking kindly of me, and that he could lay hold of nothing to hurt me, has insinuated a thing which the People here are mighty punctilious upon, scill that I am not a Gentleman. When the Electoress heard it, she was so kind to say she did not know that, but that she thought me a very agreable young man, and that he was a coxcomb for presenting [me?] as such if it were not true, that it was too late to say so now and that he did himself more hurt than me. This last part she told me herself and the scandal has done me more good than harm......
"My opinion is I ought still to stay here to make my court, unless you can get me emploied at home......" I am sorry I have not yet received St. Evremond

"I am sorry I have not yet received St. Evremond 2 vol. quarto, in French, lately printed for Jacob Tonson at London. The Electoral Princess longs for them, she did the same for some Tea, and I have given her all I had.'

This letter, it appears from subsequent papers, was addressed to the writer's father.

Howe writes again to Harley on February 2nd, new style, in condemnatory terms of Craggs, whose conduct, he is careful to show, had not affected his position at the Hanoverian Court in the manner set forth in the intercepted letter.

He adds:—

"I must tell you one passage of this Craggs, the day after I intercepted his letter I sent for him & when I had told him what villany I had found of his, shewing him his letter, I turn'd him out of my house; upon which he went to the Electores, fell upon his knees & beg'd her pardon for haveing made use of her name in a falls story to his father concearning me. She told him he might have made use of somebody elsses name to have framed his lyes withall, & shew'd great displeasure to him upon it, & indeed has not suffer'd him to speak to her since......He apears at court still with as much impudence as his guilt will lett him, tho 'everybody shuns him as a monster & avoids speaking to him, unless itt be the family of Count Plate, the Dor (?), & M** Bard."

On the 15th of February Howe in his letter.

On the 15th of February Howe in his letter to Harley states that

"Craggs was vaine enough to think he could gett me removed & himselfe sent in my place, nor did he care by what villanous means he obtained itt. I am very glad you are of opinion he ought not to stay here, nor can itt be fitt, I doe assure you, that he should upon any accit whatsoever, & I humbly thank you that you have taken care to have him removed from hence."

MARBLED PAPER.

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"The Art Library at South Kensington has just purchased an album amicorum (5½ in. by 3½ in.), originally belonging to one Wolffgang Leutkauff of Vienna, which has considerable interest beyond that usually presented by these collections of autographs and armorial bearings. In the first place, it throws light upon the history of marbled paper, as to the invention of which opinions differ greatly. Zachnsdorf ('Art of Bookbinding,' 1880, p. 29) says there is no doubt that it 'was first imported from Holland wrapped round the small parcels of Dutch toys, and that after being carefully smoothed out, it was sold to bookbinders at a very high price, who used it upon their extra bindings, and if the paper was not large enough they were compelled to join it.' Oddly enough, all the earliest examples of forwarding in marbled paper are not only in one piece, but have a large tuck on the side next the back of each cover. La Caille ('Histoire de l'Imprimerie,' Paris, 1689, p. 213), writing in 1689, says that Macé Ruette, a Parisian stationer (1606-38), invented this art, to which assertion the forwarding of several bindings executed by the so-called Le Gascon between 1617 and 1630 lends considerable colour. John Kunckel ('Ars Vitraria Experimentalis,' Dantzig, 1679, ii. xliii) claims the invention for Germany; he is the first author who describes the method of manufacturing it. A still earlier writer, Lord Bacon ('Sylva Sylvarum,' cent. 8, No. 741), calls it a Turkish invention. 'The Turks,' says he, 'have a pretty art of chamoletting of paper, which is not with us in use. They take divers oyled colours and put them severally (in drops) upon water; and stirre the water lightly, and then wet thin paper will be waved, and veined, like Chamolet or Marble,' The album acquired by the Art Library contains 228 leaves, of which forty-six are of marbled paper, The album acquired by the Art Library contains 228 leaves, of which forty-six are of marbled paper, 288 leaves, of which forty-six are of marbled paper, comprising no fewer than thirty-four varieties, whereas the hitherto known examples, French or Dutch, which can be attributed to a date prior to 1680 are all of one class, the small comb variety, Besides these there are eighty leaves with a reserved space for writing or painting on, the broad border being adorned either with ornamental panels, similar to those on Persian bindings of the sixteenth century, or else with floral decoration like that on the so-called Rhodian tiles and plates. These are printed in colours in the body of the paper by some unknown process, which makes the pattern equally distinct on both sides. On most of the leaves the colours are much faded. The remaining leaves are stained red, yellow, or green, some of them being sprinkled over with metallic powder which has in course of time oxidized and spread; others are adorned with spots and veins of gold. The greater portion of the inscriptions and coats of arms are the work of German and Italian friends of the owner, others of Orientals; these are accompanied by illuminations, the inscriptions and coats of arms are the work of German and Italian friends of the owner, others of Orientals; these are accompanied by illuminations, the inscriptions being some in Arabic, others in Turkish; one of these bears the signature of a Sultan or some high personage. There are also some curious coloured drawings, interesting as illustrative of manners and customs, such as a Turkish fair, with swings, merry go - rounds, &c., or of costume. Leutkauff seems to have left Vienna in May, 1616, for Constantinople, where he remained eight years, during which time, however, he made a journey of three months to Adrianople, Philippopoli, and Belgrade, and another of six to Italy. In June, 1624, he left Constantinople, travelling by way of Adrianople and Ofen. The earliest entry is dated May 14th, 1616, the latest January 19th, 1632. It would be interesting to know whether any examples of marbled paper of earlier date than these have come down to the present time. The volume has unfortunately been rebound and cut down, but the sides of the original cover have been mounted on the outside. They are of reddish brown leather, each with three sunken panels containing ornaments in low relief on gold grounds, surrounded by light ornaments in gold, much rubbed.

"P.S.—Since writing the above I have found two more specimens of early seventeenth century Turkish marbled papers on two leaves of illuminated work (676 and 676c, 1876) exhibited as Persian at the further end of the Italian Court in the South Kensington Museum."

TERENTIANUS MAURUS: AN EARLY COPYRIGHT ACT.

Hunterian Library, the University, Glasgow.

THE Terentianus in the Hunterian Library has been spoken of, on the authority of Taylor

and Askew, as unique. Brunet, however, mentions another as having fetched 13l. 13s. at the Pinelli sale, 1789. Mr. Madan informs me that the Bodleian copy seems identical with the Hunterian one; that it was purchased in 1803 for 181. 18s., but that the source whence it was obtained is not recorded. This is at any rate a second copy; a third may possibly be soon heard

Panzer, ii. 83, 505, records: "Terentianus de Panzer, 11. 83, 500, records: "Terentianus de litteris syllabis et metris Horatii: et Ausonius cum præfatione Georgii Merulæ. Mediolani impressus per Uldericum Scinzenzeller MCCCCXCVII. pridie nonas Februarii. Fol. Maitt. p. 636. Sax. p. 602. Ibid. Ausonius separatim. Catal. Bibl. Soubise, p. 333. Askew, p. 129."

Brunet, s.v. Terentianus, gives: "Terentianus (Maurus) De litteris syllabis et metris Horatii. (in fine) Impressum Mediolani per magistrum Vldericum scinzenzeller anno.....MCCCCXCVII. pridie nonis Frebuarii [sic] pet, in-fol. de 42 ff. Signat. b-g à 39 lin. par page." In a note he mentions the (Soubise) Terentianus and Ausonius

with the date 1496.
Graesse follows Brunet so far, but he gives "prid. non. Februarii [sic] in 4° (42 ff. à 39 l.), sign. a-g." He has, therefore, copied Brunet very badly, and his collation is misleading. Hain

does not mention the book.

My present difficulty is to determine if the Hunterian and Bodleian copies represent the editio princeps. The first print of Ausonius is Venice, 1472; the second recorded is Milan, included the second recorded is Milan, the second recorded is Milan Scinzenzeller, 1490; there is no edition of 1496 mentioned. Panzer's entry may refer to a volume in which the two works were bound together. If the Soubise copy exists that would answer my question. The collation of my copy is: Fol. 1, title; v. blank. Fol. 2, blank; v. letter of privilege. Fol. 3, Georgius Galbiatus Jacobo Andreæ Ferrariensis S.D.; v. Terentiani Mauri Præfatio, continued on fol. 4 r. Fol. 4, v. Terentiani Mauri de litter S.D.; v. Terentiani Mauri tiani Mauri de litteris Syllabis et metris ad filium et generum liber. b, ii, iij, iiij (5, 6, 7, 8). c-g, ii, iij (4, 5, 6), in all ff. 42.

The letter of privilege is an interesting docu-

"Ludovicus Maria Sfortia Anglus Dux Mediolani, kc., Papiæ Angleriæq Comes: ac Januæ & Cremonæ domin'. In omni generi negotioru' eo magis in-genia acui et operi homines alacrius incu'bere certu' est: quo fructuosiorem suam sibi quisq operam et industriam sentit. Hæc causa nos mouet: ut cum superiori anno auctore doctissimo quondam Viro domino Georgio Merula Alexandrino Georgius Galbiatus eius Amanuensis inuenerit atq ex squalore et situ eruerit sex annotatos infra grammaticos; atq eos in presenti in communem studiosorum utili-tatem tradere Impressuræ statuerit ex litteris longotatem tradere Impressuræ statuerit ex litteris longo-bardis in usitatos caracteres sua manu et vigilis transcriptos: Ad officium nostru' pertinere cen-suimus: Cavere ne nova alterius impressura emula-tione meritissimo lucello fraudetur. Itaq per has nostras publicas litteras decernimus: declaramus statuimus; et edicimus: ne quis in dominio nostro eiusmodi uolumina separata aut cum aliis operibus co'mista imprimat: uel alibi Impressa in dominio nostro uendat: aut uenales inducat: aut sub quocunq alio titulo importet: Sub pena viginti quinq aureorum Camere nostra applica dor pro singulis noluminibus: quæ sic co'tra hane nostram declarauoluminious; que sic co tra nanc nostram declara-tionem impressa importataque inuenientur. Præ-sentibus annos quinq proxime futuros ualituris. Datæ Vigleuani sub fide sigilli nostri: Die quinto septembris Anno M.CCCCLXXXX sexto. "B. CALCHUS."

do not know of an earlier document in which the dodges of an enterprising pirate are so carefully anticipated; it is a premonition of modern publishing. The exclusive rights are vested in the publisher, not in the printer, and for the five years during which the copyright held the penalty was heavy: twenty-five gold pieces per copy.

The grammatici infra notati are Terentianus de Metris et Syllabis Horatii; Fortunatianus de Carminibus Horatii; Velius longus de Orthographia; Adamantinus de Orthographia; Probus, Catholica; Cornelii Frontonis Elegantiæ. Brunet and those who followed him have noted Dibdin's errors in respect of these authors. But

the blunders of Graesse put Dibdin into the shade. The publications which the duke contemplated were not carried out; indeed, the combination of Terentianus and Ausonius in one volume seems contrary to the understanding on which was based the ducal enactment, in which the explanation of fraud as an outcome of the desire to prosper is delicious.

There is not a water-mark throughout the copy before me. And this paradoxically leads me to ask Mr. Blades for a reference to the passage in which the late Henry Bradshaw formulated his opinion regarding the use of water-marks, a reference promised by Mr. Blades in the action of 1888, when he said that the in the autumn of 1888, when he said that the paper of my friend the Rev. P. H. Aitken, now of Dulwich, had been anticipated in Bradshaw's JOHN YOUNG, M.D. publications.

DR. HATCH.

THE death of Dr. Hatch, whose valuable 'Essays on Biblical Greek' we reviewed in May last, is a serious loss to learning. One of the chief labours of his laborious life was the study of the Greek of the Septuagint version, and he had long been engaged on a concordance of the Septuagint, a work unhappily left incomplete. His Bampton Lectures created much discussion at the time of their delivery and also when they were printed, and they were translated into German—a fate that has seldom, if ever, befallen a volume of Bampton Lectures. His Hibbert Lectures of 1887 have not been published, but are said to be almost wholly in type. Dr. Hatch possessed a singular power of attaching his friends to him; he was an excellent talker, and a man whom people appreciated the more highly the more intimately they knew him. He was a fair-minded as well as a painstaking student, and it reflects little credit on his University and the Church that his services were so ill rewarded. But his theological opinions were not those of the dominant party, and he suffered accordingly.

Literary Gossip.

Mr. J. A. Symonds, who has been spending some time in England this autumn, has now returned in good health to Davos, and is engaged on two works, which he hopes to publish before long: one of them, which we mentioned in September, a collection of essays on æsthetic subjects, consisting partly of reprints and partly of new matter; the other a narrative of local events in the history of the Grisons.

MR. Gosse will publish this winter a selection from his early volumes of poems, all of which are now out of print, under the general title of 'On Viol and Flute.' It will be uniform with his 'Firdausi in Exile,' and with it will practically form an edition of his collected verses in two volumes. It will bear the imprint of Messrs. Kegan Paul, Trench & Co., and will have a frontispiece by Mr. Thornycroft, R.A.

MESSRS. MACMILLAN have nearly ready for issue a new book by Mr. Lewis Carroll, entitled 'Sylvie and Bruno.' It is illustrated by Mr. Harry Furniss.

THE Rev. J. A. Bennett is preparing an account for the Historical MSS. Com-mission of the large collection of John Locke's letters which, as we said several months ago, has turned up at Nyne-head Court, Somerset, the house of Mr. E. Sanford. These are chiefly addressed to Locke's intimate friend Edward Clarke, M.P. for Taunton about the end of the seventeenth century, from whom Mr. San-ford is lineally descended. Other letters in the collection were written by Dr. Ralph

Cudworth and his daughter Lady Masham, of Oates.

THE 'Annals and Memorials of St. Edmund's Abbey,' which Mr. Thomas Arnold is editing for the Rolls Series, will shortly be issued. The volume will include a reprint of the 'Chronicle' of Jocelin de Brakelonde, which, when first published by the Camden Society in 1840, was made famous by Carlyle's 'Past and Present.'

Dr. Jessopp has been at work among the muniments of the Dean and Chapter of Ely, and has made a report upon them to the Historical MSS. Commissioners. An account has also been prepared by him of the documents belonging to the Bishop of Ely.

At a meeting of the Council of the Camden Society on the 6th inst. it was resolved that the publications for next year should be Wardrobe Account Books, 1390-3, of Henry, Earl of Derby, afterwards Henry IV., to be edited by Miss Toulmin Smith; and selections from the papers, in Worcester College, Oxford, of William Clarke, secretary to General Monk, to be edited by Mr. C. H. Firth, who was the first to point out the great historical value of this collection.

A FORMAL announcement of the conversion of the firm of George Routledge & Sons into a limited company, to which we have already referred, will be made in a few days. In addition to the preference and ordinary shares, amounting to 200,000*l.*, which will be in the hands of Messrs. Robert W. and E. Routledge, there will be issued, it is stated, 75,000*l.* of 5 per cent. first mortgage debentures, which will be offered to the general public. Sir I. Lowthian Bell, Bart., and Mr. W. S. Caine, M.P., will be trustees for the mortgage debenture holders.

THE New Review for December will contain, amongst others, articles by Prof. Max Müller, Mr. Henry James, and Lady Dilke.

Among the contents of the December number of Macmillan's Magazine will be an address on the teaching of English literature delivered by Canon Ainger at the opening of the new session of University College, Bristol. It will also contain a paper by Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice on county landmarks, dealing with the provisions of the Local Government Act for settling county and local boundaries; and Mr. Rudyard Kipling will contribute some further adventures of Private Terence Mulvaney and his comrades, whose Indian exploits he has already so vividly recorded in 'Soldiers Three.'

The third volume of the new edition of Mr. Hughes's novels will contain 'The Scouring of the White Horse' and a Christmas story entitled 'The Ashen Faggot,' which appeared in Macmillan's Magazine as long ago as January, 1862, but has never been reprinted.

THE December number of the English Illustrated Magazine will, as usual, be a double Christmas number. Among the contents will be an article on 'Dartmoorand the Dart,' by Mr. Grant Allen, illustrated by Mr. Biscombe Gardner; an illustrated article on 'Nails and Chains,' by the Rev. Harold Rylett, one of the principal witnesses before the recent Sweating Commission; 'Poachers, Furred and Feathered,' by Mr. G. E. Lodge,

with illustrations by the writer; 'A Storied Tavern,' being an account of the "Cheshire Cheese," by Mr. Outram Tristram, with illustrations by Mr. Herbert Railton; 'In the Peloponnesus,' by Mr. James Baker, with illustrations by Mr. Walter Crane; and the old song "Oh! dear, what can the matter be?" illustrated by Mr. Hugh Thomson. There will be also articles by the Hon. Edward Thesiger, C.B., on 'Church Sunday Schools'; by Madame Guizot de Witt on 'French Girlhood'; by Rev. Harry Jones on 'Snow'; by Prof. W. M. Conway on 'The Cats of Ancient Egypt'; together with complete stories by Mr. Clark Russell and Mr. Sheldon Clarke, and a story for children by Miss Mary Vernon. A new feature will be the first of a cycle of six love lyrics, the words by Mr. Joseph Bennett, with music by Mr. Hamish MacCunn.

THE Maria Grey College in Fitzroy Street counts this winter 53 students, and its school and kindergarten about 150 pupils. Among the lecturers are Canon Daniel and Mr. James Sully. Of the 23 students who left the College in June and July last, 22 are at work as teachers; and 17 full certificates were obtained by 20 candidates presented in the Cambridge Teachers' Examination in June, with several distinctions. The six kindergarten students all passed the Fröbel Society's Higher Examination in parts i. and ii. respectively. The 16 candidates for the Higher Local (Cam.) Examination did very well in various groups. The demand for teachers trained in the College still exceeds the supply; and quite lately a former student has been appointed to the post of Inspectress General of Female Schools for the Punjaub.

Col. F. Cochran, of the Hampshire Regiment, at present serving on the extreme frontier of Upper Burma and in the Shan country, is about to publish a short narrative of the recent doings of the corps in that region.

Mr. Frederick Wedmore's volume on Balzac is finished, and will be published as the January issue of the "Great Writers" series.

A LIFE of Dom Bosco, who founded the famous orphanages and industrial schools in Turin, and who died recently, has been published in France, where his methods of organization have been largely adopted in similar institutions. A translation of the biography, with a full account of the Turin homes, which have become almost the model charity of Italy, will be shortly published from the pen of Lady Martin, of Dublin.

Those interested in the old Grammar School of Wakefield will be glad to hear that an effort is in contemplation to rescue the old building from its present unworthy uses as a furniture-broker's depôt by the time the tercentenary of 1891 comes round. Some years ago the school was removed to the more spacious and commodious building erected for the West Riding Proprietary School. The venerable structure of Elizabeth still remains, and still preserves the bust of its foundress with her motto of "Semper eadem"; and many will feel that a more honoured old age than is at present accorded to it should be the lot of a school that has produced Richard Bentley

and Joseph Bingham, Archbishop Potter and Dr. Radcliffe.

Mr. Arthur Blackett, the well-known publisher, is going to dispose of the large collection of caricatures, sporting and other prints, which he has spent several years in collecting. They will be sold at Christie's next Tuesday.

THE new Société des Bibliophiles Contemporains - Académie des Beaux Livres -is now established, and holds its first meeting this week, when the officers will be appointed, and the "statuts et réglement" passed. The object of the society, which is restricted to one hundred and sixty members, and owes its rise to M. Octave Uzanne, is to print in the most luxurious style, and with the best obtainable illustrations, some original works by living writers, which from their first appearance must necessarily rank as bibliographical rarities. The list of names is complete, and many individuals are candidates for vacancies when these occur. Queen Elizabeth of Roumania and the Duc d'Aumale are honorary presidents, and Lord Lytton and M. Léopold Delisle (the Director of the Bibliothèque Nationale) honorary members. Four English names -those of Chancellor Christie, Mr. H. S. Ashbee, Mr. Julian Marshall, and another are included.

THE first fasciculus of the Aramaic part of the 'Corpus Inscriptionum Semiticarum,' some sheets of which were laid before the Oriental Congress of Stockholm, will appear in the course of the year. The authors of this important work are Count M. de Vogüé and M. R. Duval.

A COURSE of lectures will shortly be given for the benefit of the College for Men and Women, Queen's Square, Bloomsbury, in the lecture hall of South Kensington Museum. The first lecture will be by Mr. Andrew Lang on 'How to Fail in Literature,' on Thursday, November 28th, at 4.30. On the following Thursday, at the same hour, Mr. Frederic W. H. Myers will lecture on 'Apparitions and Hallucinations in Tradition and Fact.' The remainder of the course, which it is hoped to continue up to Christmas with two additional lectures in January, will be settled hereafter.

The decease is announced of a veteran journalist, Mr. R. Whelan-Boyle. He was, like so many of his profession, an Irishman, and was originally apprenticed to the proprietor of a country newspaper. He gradually rose, was employed on the Daily Telegraph under Thornton Hunt, and subsequently edited a paper at Cardiff. On his return to London he became again connected with the daily press, and in 1877 he was appointed editor of the Daily Chronicle, which he conducted with much ability and growing success till the middle of last week.

Several important original letters from Luther and Melanchthon have recently, German papers say, been discovered in the Protestant church library of Neustadt an der Aisch in Bavaria. They have been handed over to the Germanisches Museum at Munich. A MS. of 34 pages small 8vo., containing a collection of German proverbs written by Luther (?) in red ink (fifteen or sixteen lines to the page) on stout yellowish hand-made paper in boards, was purchased

by a Cambridge bookseller in 1862 at Breslau, and its present whereabouts cannot be discovered. Any information regarding this MS. would be gratefully acknowledged by the commission formed under the auspices of the late Emperor William I., which is now issuing a new edition of Luther's works. Communications should be sent to Rev. Dr. Schoell, 3, Elsworthy Terrace, Primrose Hill.

The learned Orientalist and literary historian Prof. R. A. Gosche, of Halle, died suddenly on October 29th at the age of sixty-five. Dr. Gosche was the editor of the scientific annual report of the Morgen-ländische Gesellschaft and one of the editors of the Archiv für Litteraturgeschichte. He contributed largely to the extensive Shakspeare and Lessing literatures in Germany. The death is also announced of the popular novelist A. von Winterfeld, born in 1824. The best of his stories are those taken from military life, with which he was personally acquainted. His so-called "humorous" novels were less successful. His play, the 'Winkelschreiber,' has maintained itself on the German stage.

Among the other names recorded in this week's obituary are M. E. Lefèvre, of the Rappel; Dr. Muirhead, for many years Professor of Civil Law in Edinburgh University, and editor of Gaius (Athen., No. 2731); and Col. Joseph Ouseley, for many years Professor of Arabic and Persian at the College at Fort William, and subsequently at the East India College.

Messes. Swan Sonnenschein & Co. will issue in a few days 'An Official Tour through Bosnia and Herzegovina,' by Mr. J. de Asbóth, who was formerly attached to the Austrian Embassy in London. The book is the result of an inquiry which lasted over four years, during which the author accompanied M. Benjamin de Kállay, who had been entrusted with the government of the newly acquired provinces. Mr. de Asbóth enters in detail into the literary, historical, and ethnographical sides of his subject, as well as its political and physical features. The book will contain many hundred illustrations.

A NEW work by the author of 'From Log Cabin to White House' will shortly be published by Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, entitled 'From Printing House to the Court of St. James: the Story of Benjamin Franklin's Life'

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Naples to say that the Queen of Italy has decided not to make public at present the memoirs of Queen Caroline, which, with several letters from Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton, were found in the palace at Naples some time ago and forwarded to Rome, and access to them is refused to students of history.

WE made a mistake last week in saying a literary weekly was to be started by Mr. Nichol, and in speaking of Mr. Nichol as having severed his connexion with the British Weekly. Mr. Nichol remains in his present position, and has had, he tells us, no thought of quitting it.

In the person of Mr. Adolf Holmberg, at one time a prominent figure in the book-world of Stockholm, there has passed away doubtless the oldest bookseller in the world, for Mr. Holmberg had reached his ninety-first year, and was in business to the last.

'A HISTORY OF WELLINGTON,' in Somersetshire, is to be issued by Mr. A. L. Humphreys. This is said to be the first historical account which has appeared of the town from which the "Iron Duke" took his title.

THE chief Parliamentary Papers of the week are Local Government Board, Report for 1888-9, Eighteenth Annual (3s.6d.); and Blind, Deaf, and Dumb Commission, Vol. III., Appendix to Report (4s. 6d.); Vol. IV., Alphabetical Digests (1s. 6d.);

SCIENCE

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Charts of the Constellations, from the North Pole to between 35 and 40 Degrees of South Declination. By Arthur Cottam, F.R.A.S. (Stanford.) We noticed some time ago a specimen copy of Mr. Cottam's new star-charts. The whole (thirtysix in number) form a series which cannot fail to be exceedingly useful to those who make a study of the starry heavens. All the stars down to the 6½ magnitude (the extreme limit of visibility to the naked eye) are indicated by black discs of sizes graduated according to half magnitudes; variable stars in which the maxi-mum brilliancy exceeds the fifth magnitude by a disc representing the minimum brightness, surrounded by a ring representing the maximum. The shape of each group stands out exceedingly well as it catches the eye in the sky; and in many respects this guide to the heavens is far superior to any which has hitherto been pub-A distinctive feature of it is that (with the single exception of Hydra, which, owing to its great length, is divided into two portions) each constellation is shown complete on the chart on which it is drawn. In some cases, where the constellations are small in extent, two or more appear in one chart; thus Scorpio has restored to him his ancient claws, the small zodiacal constellation Libra; the small group Coma Berenices (more rich in nebulæ than stars) is united in one chart with Canes Venatici, which is to the north of it, and so on. Of course some waste space is thereby necessitated; but in every case, outside the limits of the constellation or constellations to which a chart is devoted, are marked upon it the brighter stars, easily visible to the naked eye, in the adjoining groups. Mr. Cottam shows in his preface that he has high authority for considering this arrangement of star-maps in constellations as likely to be the most convenient for use; and we need not point out that it is conformable to that of the descriptions given in that invaluable guide for astronomical amateurs the late Mr. Webb's 'Celestial Objects for Common Telescopes,' so that an object mentioned in the last edition of that work will readily be found with the assistance of Mr. Cottam's maps. The whole of the northern hemisphere is included in them, and as much of the southern as can ever be seen in the latiof the southern as can ever be seen in the lati-tude of Central Europe. They are engraved on excellent drawing paper, with a clearness and accuracy which can hardly be surpassed. The scale is one-third of an inch to a degree of a great circle.

Pumps and Pumping: a Handbook for Pump Users. By M. Powis Bale. (Crosby Lockwood & Son.)—A book on pumps and pumping, of which "the author wishes it to be understood that it is not intended as a treatise on the construction of pumps," would seem at the first glance to be a work of very doubtful utility. But the object of the little volume before us is to supply a want with which literature will have sooner or later to reckon. This is the need of

an index to tell people where to apply for information on any particular subject. On emerging from that dead level of ignorance in which people consider themselves as competent to decide questions of any special character without more ado, the first step towards education is to become conscious of a want of guidance; the second, to ask where that guidance can be obtained. Here steps in the advertiser, with his self-recommendation—perhaps modest and true, perhaps an audacious swindle, usually some-thing lying between these extremes. The great pecuniary success that has attended on advertis-ing is no doubt chiefly due to the general assumption that the advice so forced on the reader is just that of which he is in need. There are, per-haps, some signs that this has been overdone. Persons are apt, as matter of self-defence, to turnaway from intrusive advertisements, whether enforced by life-sized caricatures on the walls, by irritating placards concealing the names of railway stations, or by double numbers of the morning newspapers. Here, then, there is both room and need for an accessible index. No doubt the best index is a living one. In the case of health, the man who knows when it is proper to consult a doctor and what doctor he should consult is in the right way for recovery. In matters mechanical it is not always easy to get the just required bit of advice, safely and cheaply, from an engineer. Here, then, Mr. Bale thinks that his "notes may aid non-technical users in making a suitable choice." he means, however, is not users, but intending users. For such, as the results of experience, the handbook suggests the class of pumps which the author would recommend for any special service. The book, however, will not obviate the necessity for seeking the advice of the manufacturing engineer, if not the more impartial opinion of the consulting engineer; and it is not clear that the inquirer will be very much aided in doing this by Mr. Bale's notes. The idea of the work is capable of better development. Thus we find under the head "Geared Pumps":—

"Something can be said in favour of tooth-geared pumps for heavy pressures, contractors' purposes, drainage, &c. They may be geared directly to the engine, be driven by belt or wire rope—this latter plan often rendering it very suitable for use in quarries, &c."

Such recommendations may be useful as far as they go, but that, it will be seen, is not very far. A good plain treatise on the construction of pumps would, or ought to, give, in a more systematic form, and with greater aptness and comprehensiveness, all that is found here.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL NOTES.

THE Journal of the Anthropological Institute for November contains several papers of exceptional value. Mr. Edward Tregear's copious answers, with respect to the Maoris of New Zealand, to the questions in Mr. J. G. Frazer's sociological code contain an abundance of useful informa-tion. Mr. Thomson's paper on the osteology of the Veddahs of Ceylon contains not only a full description of nearly forty crania of that people in various collections, but an exhaustive study of an adult male Veddah skeleton recently added to the ethnological museum at Oxford. The skulls show a remarkable uniformity, and re-semble closely those of the Maravars, described by Callamand, and the southern hill tribes of India, described by Dr. Mouat. Mrs. R. B. Batty describes the sticks used in the Yoruba country for producing the "voice of Oro." Mr. H. Ling Roth's paper on salutations forms a supplement to Dr. E. B. Tylor's article on that subject in the 'Encyclopædia Britannica.' Rev. H. G. Tomkins's notes on the Hyksôs, called Shepherd Kings, of Egypt, state clearly the present condition of our knowledge with regard to that invading race and the problems that remain to be solved. Mr. Hyde Clarke's paper on the right of property in trees on the land of another as an ancient institution is an

ingenious investigation, founded on the existence of a curious custom in Asia Minor. Mr. H. Balfour's memoir on the structure and affinities of the composite bow—a term applied by General Pitt Rivers to a class of weapons placed in his developmental series after the plain bow, and originating, as a copy of it, through necessity, in a region where suitable elastic woods for the purpose were not to be procured—is an important and scholarly contribution to the study of the development of weapons.

Among recent communications to the Society of Anthropology of Paris, contained in its Bulletin, is a paper, by M. O. Beauregard, on caricature 4,000 years ago, having reference to cartain figures on Egyptian papyri, published in the great work of Champollion, representing animals in grotesque attitudes, and supposed to be caricatures of the sacred animals of the Egyptians. On this point, he declares, as on many others, Egypt has not yet said its last word. In a paper on the distinction to be made in anthropology between racial characters and evolutionary characters, Dr. Fauvelle makes a vigorous attack on the anthropometric school of anthropologists. "What will come of the vast inquiry into the Topinard," he asks, "except to make him celebrated as the inventor, or at least the propagator, of chromatoptometry or chromatorichology? You visit a place where are two welldefined types. If you take your compasses and metric measures, and take all possible mensura-tions of two or three thousand individuals, what will you do more than confirm a distinction which strikes everybody at first sight?" In pre-Gaboon, M. Dorlhac de Borde says: "The study of manners here is very difficult, if not impossible, for those who reveal the ceremonies in use are nearly always punished with death. A few days ago the chief of a village three miles from here, Cissey, killed his son because he had made known to the women of the tribe the secret of the dance of Ekoukoué, which men alone ought to know." M. Adrien de Mortillet describes an "allée couverte" at Dampont (Seine-et-Oise) in which the principal gallery is separated from the vestibule by an enormous stone, 5ft. high, 7ft. broad, and 18 in. thick, through which a hole 18 in. square is pierced, the outer edge of which is enlarged so as to receive a wooden or stone door, and has grooves, accessible from outside, by which the door might be fastened.

The Smithsonian Report for 1886 (Washington), of which the first part has reached us, contains, as usual, a large amount of interesting matter. The annual report of the secretary shows the progress made by the Smithsonian Institution and by the United States National Museum. The development of the latter has been "unexpectedly great," and there seems to be a most extensive system of supplying other institutions with duplicates from the museum. The "general appendix" contains several papers relating to anthropology, by Mr. Otis J. Mason, Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, and others. This is a branch of investigation which we earnestly hope American naturalists will carefully cultivate before it is too late. There is also a report on astronomical observatories by Mr. George H. Boehmer, who remarks of the Royal Observatory at Edinburgh that it is by no means a model observatory, "looking, as well as acting, rather like a classical temple of the winds than a modern working observatory." A recent paper, by Prof. Piazzi Smyth, in the Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh may help to explain the causes for these severe remarks. The last 400 pages are given up to a catalogue of publications of the Smithsonian Institution, by Mr. William J. Rhees.

SOCIETIES.

GEOGRAPHICAL.—Nov. 11.—Right Hon. Sir M. E. Grant Duff, President, in the chair.—The following gentlemen were elected Fellows: Capt. R. J. W.

Bristow, Capt. A. B. Loder, Capt. J. Seymour, Rev. J. Verschoyle, Messrs. A. C. Adam, R. Chambers, P. H. Davis, J. A. Liebman, W. A. Mackinnon, and J. H. Theakstone.—The paper read was 'Cyprus,' by General Sir R. Biddulph.

ASTRONOMICAL.—Nov. 8.—Mr. W. H. M. Christie, Astronomer Royal, in the chair.—Mr. E. C. Chandler, Prof. N. C. Durier, and MM. Paul Henry and Prosper Henry were elected Associates; the Rev. T. Jones and Messrs. R. E. Day, P. F. Duke, and J. Oddie were elected Fellows.—Capt. W. Noble read a note on the occultation of Jupiter by the moon as observed on the evening of August 7th at Forest Lodge, Maresfield. The disappearance of the planet behind the moon was observed through drifting clouds in daylight. The reappearance at the bright limb of the moon was observed in a clear sky after dark; as it emerged the equatorial belts of the planet looked dark and sharply defined, but there was a band of darker shading over the disc of Jupiter which followed the outline of the moon like a dark fringe.—Mr. E. J. Stone stated that a similar appearance was observed at the Radcliffe Observatory, Oxford.—A considerable portion of the time of the meeting was occupied by a discussion as to the cause of the dark fringe. The general feeling seemed to be that it was an optical illusion, due to the difference in brightness between the moon's limb and the fainter disc of the planet.—Mr. Knobel read a paper by Dr. Otto Boeddicker, which accompanied some large drawings of the Milky Way which were exhibited in the meeting-room. The drawings have been made at the Earl of Rosse's observatory at Parsonstown, and have occupied Dr. Boeddicker since October, 1884. The stars were first carefully laid down, and then the nebulous light of the Milky Way was put in with a "stump." The original drawings were made in sections, every care being taken that duplicate drawings should be made independently down, and then the nebulous light of the Milky Way was put in with a "stump." The original drawings were made in sections, every care being taken that duplicate drawings should be made independently and that the sections should overlap. The observations were generally made with the naked eye, but sometimes an opera-glass was used. Dr. Boeddicker is of opinion that there is a faint nebulosity which extends over nearly the whole of the sky, and that there are regions outside the Milky Way where the nebulosity is brighter than in others. His drawing differs materially from that of Heis, which represents the Milky Way by areas of nearly equal brightness.—Mr. W. H. Wesley, who has had some experience in drawing the Milky Way, especially in the neighbourhood of Cygnus, said that in that region his sketches in the main confirmed Dr. Boeddicker's rather than Heis's drawings. He drew attention to the wisps of nebulous matter shown in Dr. Boeddicker's drawings following lines of stars.—Mr. Thackeray read a paper 'On a Discussion of Greenwich North Polar Distances of Polaris and other Stars with Reference to Corrections for Temperature and Humidity.' The general result of Mr. Thackeray's discussion is that humidity of the atmosphere has much less to do with variations of refraction than has hitherto been thought. He finds evidence that changes of temperature chiefly affect the places of the stars, by causing changes in the instruments rather than changes in the atmospheric refraction.
—Mr. Plummer read a paper by Prof. Pritchard 'On the Determination of Stellar Parallax by Means of mather than changes in the atmospheric retraction.—Mr. Plummer read a paper by Prof. Pritchard 'On the Determination of Stellar Parallax by Means of Photography.' Prof. Pritchard claims to have determined the parallax of a large number of stars relatively to small stars in their neighbourhood with a probable error only amounting to high of a second of arc.—The following papers were announced and partly read: 'Suggestions as to a New General Cata-logue of Stars,' by Mr. G. F. Chambers,—'Catalogue of Radiant Points of Shooting Stars,' by Mr. W. F. Denning,—'Observations of Comet 1889 (Davidson) of Radiant Points of Shooting Stars,' by Mr. W. F. Denning,—'Observations of Comet 1889 (Davidson) made at the Melbourne Observatory with the South Equatorial and Dark-field Micrometer,' communicated by Mr. R. L. J. Ellery,—'On some of the Features of the Arrangement of Stars in Space,' by Prof. E. S. Holden,—'Conjunction of Mars and Saturn, September 20th, 1889,' by Major S. H. Maxwell,—'On the Proper Motion of the Double Star South 503,' by Mr. J. E. Gore,—'Observations of Comet 1889 (Davidson) made at the Sydney Observatory with the 11½in. Equatorial and Filar Micrometer,' communicated by Mr. H. C. Russell,—'The Colours of Stars,' by Mr. F. W. Levander,—'Results of Double Star Measures at Windsor, New South Wales, during the Years 1886, 1887, and 1888,' by Mr. J. Tebbutt,—'The Orbit of Comet III., 1888,' by Lieut.-General J. F. Tennant,—'Note on the Bright Line Spectra of R Andromedæ and R Cygni, and on the Suspected Bright Lines in R Cassiopeiæ, and on the Spectrum of W Cygni,' by Rev. T. E. Espin,—'Ephemerides of the Satellites of Saturn, 1889-90' (conclusion), by Mr. A. Marth,—'Observations of Mars and Saturn at their Conjunction, 1889, September 19th, made at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich,' by Mr. E. W. Manuder,—and 'Brooks's Comet,' by Mr. E. W. Manuder,—and 'Brooks's Comet,' by Mr. E. W. Parkers and Saturn at their Conjunction, Greenwich,' by Mr. E. W. Manuder,—and 'Brooks's Comet,' by Mr. E. W.

GEOLOGICAL.—Nov. 6.—Dr. W. T. Blanford, President, in the chair.—The Rev. D. C. Evans was elected a Fellow.—The following communications were read: 'Contributions to our Knowledge of the Dinosaurs of the Wealden and the Sauropterygians of the Purbeck and Oxford Clay,' by Mr. R. Lydekker,—'Notes on a "Dumb Fault " or "Wash-out" found in the Pleasley and Teversall Collieries, Derbyshire,' by Mr. J. C. B. Hendy, communicated by the President, —and 'On some Palæozoic Ostracoda from North America, Wales, and Ireland,' by Prof. T. R. Jones.

ARCHÆOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.—Nov. 7.—Mr. T. H. Baylis in the chair.—Mrs. Tirard read a paper 'On the Great Sphinx of Egypt, with some Account of the Spread of the Sphinx Ideain the Ancient World,' and exhibited a large number of diagrams in illustration.—The Rev. G. I. Chester sent a paper 'On the Sculptures of Oriental Designs at Bradwardine and Moccas, Herefordshire.'—The Rev. J. Hirst read a paper 'On the Treatment of the Blessed Eucharist in Mediæval Churches.'

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ZOOLOGICAL.—Nov. 5.—Prof. W. H. Flower, President, in the chair.—The Secretary read a report on the additions to the menagerie during June, July, August, and September, and called attention to certain accessions received during that period; amongst them a short python (Python curtus) from Malacca, and a Prêtre's smazon (Chrysottis prætrii), both new to the collection.—Mr. J. H. Gurney, jun., exhibited and made remarks on a hybrid wagtall, bred in confinement, between the grey wagtail (Motacilla melanope) and the pied wagtail (Motacilla melanope) and prof. Rev. T. R. R. Stebbing, on the amphipodous crustaceans of the genus Urothoë, and of a new allied genus proposed to be called Urothoides,—from Col. C. Swinhoe, on a number of new Indian Lepidoptera, chiefly Heterocera,—by Mr. P. L. Sclater, on the birds collected by Mr. Ramage in St. Lucia, West Indies, which were referred to thirty species,—by Mr. G. A. Boulenger, on the short python (Python curtus),—from Dr. E. C. Stirling, of the University of Adelaide, on some points in the anatomy of the female organs of generation of the kangaroo,—by Mr. F. E. Beddard, on the anatomy of an oligochætous worm of the genus Dero, relating principally to its re

ENTOMOLOGICAL.—Nov. 6.—Prof. J. O. Westwood in the chair.—Mr. R. S. Standen was elected a Fellow, and the Rev. C. F. Thornewill was admitted into the Society.—Mr. J. W. Douglas sent for exhibition specimens of Anthocoris visci, Dougl., a species new to Britain, taken at Hereford in September last by Dr. T. A. Chapman; also specimens of Psylla visci, Curtis, taken by Dr. Chapman at the same time and place.—Mr. R. M'Lachlan exhibited coloured drawings of a specimen of Zygæna filipendulæ, in which the left posterior leg is replaced by a fully developed wing, similar to an ordinary hind wing, but less densely clothed with scales. Mr. M'Lachlan also exhibited a female specimen of the common earwig, Forficula auricularia, with a parasitic gordius emerging from between the meta-thorax and abdomen. He said that it had been placed in his hands by Mr. A. B. Farn, by whom it was taken, and that other instances of similar parasitism by Gordius on earwigs had been recorded.—Mr. W. F. Kirby exhibited a gynandromorphous specimen of Lycæna icarus, having the characters of a male in the right wings and of a female in the left wings, caught at Keyingham, Yorkshire, in June last; also a specimen of a variety of Crabro intervuptus, De Geer, found at Uxbridge.—Mr. W. L. Distant exhibited male and female specimens of a species belonging to a new genus of Discocephaline, from Guatemala, in which the sexes were totally dissimilar, the female having abbreviated membranes, and being altogether larger than the male.—Dr. D. Sharp stated that he had observed that in the Josine division of Nitidulidæ there was present a stridulating organ in a position in which he had not noticed it in any other Coleoptera, viz., on the summit of the back of the head. He had found it to exist not only in the species of Ips and Cryptarcha mounted to show the organ. He also exhibited Rhynchota, chiefly Pentatomidæ, in which the specimens were prepared so as to display the peculiarities of the terminal segment in the male sex.—

Mr. R. Adkin exhibited, for Mr. H. Murray, a fine series of Polia xanthomista, var. nigrocincta, from the Isle of Man, and Cidaria reticulata and Emmelesia tæniata from the Lake district.—Mr. W. White exhibited a living larva of Zeuzera æsculi, and called attention to the thoracie segments with several rows of minute serrations, which evidently assist progression. He stated that the larva exudes from its mouth, when irritated, a colourless fluid, which he had tested with litmus-paper and found to be strongly alkaline.—Capt. H. J. Elwes exhibited a number of insects of various orders, part of the collection formed by the late Otto Möller, of Darjeeling.—M. A. Wailly exhibited the cocoon of an unknown species of Antheræa from Assam; also a number of cocoons of Anophe venata from Acugua, a South European species, which was said to have been utilized by the Romans in the manufacture of silk; also a quantity of eggs of Epeira madagas-Mr. R. Adkin exhibited, for Mr. H. Murray, a fine a south European species, which was said to have been utilized by the Romans in the manufacture of silk; also a quantity of eggs of Epeira madagascar, locally known by the name of "halabe." He also read extracts from letters received from the Rev. P. Camboué, of Jananarivo, Madagascar, on the subject of this silk-producing spider.—Mr. H. Goss read a communication from Prof. S. H. Scudder, of Cambridge, Mass., on the subject of his recent discoveries of some thousands of fossil insects, chiefly Coleoptera, in Florissant, Western Colorado, and Wyoming.—Prof. Westwood remarked on the extreme rarity of fossil Lepidoptera, and called attention to a recent paper by Mr. A. G. Butler in the Proc. Zool. Soc., 1859, in which the author described a new genus of fossil moths belonging to the family Euschemida, from a specimen obtained at Gurnet Bay, Isle of Wight.—Mr. F. P. Pascoe read a paper entitled 'Additional Notes on the Genus Hilipus,' and exhibited a number of new species belonging to that wight.—Mr. F. P. Pascoe read a paper entitled 'Additional Notes on the Genus Hilipus,' and exhibited a number of new species belonging to that genus.—The Rev. Dr. Walker read a paper entitled 'Notes on the Entomology of Iceland.'—Mr. R. Trimen asked if any butterflies had been found in the island.—Dr. Walker said that neither he nor Dr. P. B. Mason had seen any during their recent visit to Iceland, nor were any species given in Dr. Staudinger's list.—Dr. Mason said that during his recent visit to Iceland he had collected nearly one hundred species of insects, including about twenty Coleoptera. He added that several of the species had not been recorded either by Dr. Staudinger or Dr. Walker,—Capt. Elwes inquired if Mr. J. J. Walker, with his great experience as a collector in all parts of the world, was aware of any land outside the Arctic circle from which no butterflies had been recorded.—Mr. J. J. Walker replied that the only place in the world which he had visited in which butterflies were entirely absent was Pitcairn Island. entirely absent was Pitcairn Island.

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS,—Nov. 12.—Sir J. Coode, President, delivered an inaugural address, it being the first occasion of his occupying the chair at an ordinary meeting since his election as

ARISTOTELIAN.—Nor. 4.—The President, Mr. S. H. Hodgson, delivered the annual address on the subject 'What is Logic?' The true nature of logic is obscured at the present day by two empiricisms, the English and the Hegelian, each endeavouring to usurp its name and functions, and each founded upon the assumption of an empirical, that is an unpanalized, conception. The assumpdeavouring to usurp its name and functions, and each founded upon the assumption of an empirical, that is an unanalyzed, conception. The assumption of English empiricism is that the data of logic consist of objects already compared with one another, thus excluding from logic the act of thinking (or comparing) itself, and reducing logic to an art of calculating or registering calculations. The assumption of Hegelian empiricism is that concepts create their own data by an inherent energy called negativity. Now analysis shows that concepts are formed out of perceptual data by the exercise of attention for the purpose of bringing those data into intelligible order. The act of attention is what is expressed by the laws of identity, contradiction, and excluded middle, which are its sole and sufficient foundation. All the other forms and rules, which constitute the body of logical doctrine, are devised and instituted for the purpose either of premonishing or of criticizing reasonings, so as to exclude contradictory results. And this body of logical doctrine has three main departments: (1) The Relation of Concepts to Percepts; (2) Judgment; (3) Inference. Thus logic is thought engaged, not in following the Proteus changes of nature, but in watching its own steps in following them. Logic is not, like induction, a method of discovery; the inductive logic of English empiricism is a round square. Neither is it deductive; it infers nothing from first principles. Engine compressing a round square. Neither is it deductive; it infers nothing from first principles. It is simply analytical, that is to say, corrective of reasonings by confronting them with forms and rules embodying the act of thinking itself.

HUGUENOT.—Nov. 13.—The following gentlemen were elected Fellows: Right Hon. Lord Rendlesham, Capt. L. H. Le Bailly, the Rev.—du Boulay, Messrs. E. Boulnois, A. Lafone, M. C. Gosset, and H. Lafone.—A paper was read 'On the Cardinal de Chatillon in England, 1568–1571,' by Mr. E. G. Atkinson.

SHORTHAND.—Nov. 6.—Mr. J. G. Petrie, President in the chair.—The following new members were elected: Fellows, Messrs. J. H. Pillar, E. T. Harwood, N. A. Smith, and J. Bain; Associate, Messrs. W. H. Barlow, S. Jones, L. Ellis, and J. Sandow, all of the United States.—Messrs. A. G. Peekham and H. A. Innes, Associates, were elected Fellows.—A paper by Mr. R. Williamson, of San Francisco, describing the principles of a new system, was taken as read. the principles of a new system, was taken as read.

The President delivered the inaugural address, giving a sketch of the history of the past year in regard to shorthand, journalism, and type-writing. He pointed out that whilst journalists now had their Iustitute, the position of the writer of shorthand, especially in offices, was being lowered by the influx of young and incompetent writers, to remedy which he advised an amalgamation of the metropolitan shorthand esceptification. politan shorthand associations, and the establishment of examinations under the control of the Shorthand Society or the amalgamated body.—A discussion followed, and the question of amalgamation was referred to the Council for consideration.

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 London Institution, 5.—'The Phonograph,' Col. Gourand.
 Aristotelian, 8.—'Septician,' Mr. S. Alexander.
 Statistical, 72.—Opening Address by the President.
 Civil Engineers, 8.—'Water Tube Steam-Boliers for Marine
 Zoological, 8.).—'Subdivision of the Body-Cavity in Lizards,
 Crocodilies, and Birds,' Mr. G. W. Butter; 'Lepidoptera of
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 Meteorological, 7.—'Distribution of Thanderstorms over Kee-
- Theriodont Reptile from the Karoo System of the Cape, 'Mr.
 R. Lydeks, 'P.-' Distribution of Thunderstorms over England and Wales 1871-1887,' Mr. W. Marriott, 'Change of Temperature which acrompanies Thunderstorms in Southers St. Bimo's Fire at Walton-on-the-Nase, September 37d, 1889,' Mr. W. H. Dines; 'Notes on Cirrus Formation,' Mr. H. H. (Layton, 'A Comparison between the Jordan and the Campbell-Stokes Sunshine Recorders,' Mr. F. C. Bayard; 'Susshine,' Mr. A. B. MacDowal; 'Climatological Observations at Bally-boley, co. Antrim,' Frof. S. A. Hill.

 "The Comparison of the Stripe Hydron and the Tertiary of the Vai d'Arno,' Mr. R. Lydekser; 'The Catastrophe of Kantzorik, Armenia' M. P. M. Corpi,' New Genus of Siliceous Sponges from the Lower Calcareous Grit of Yorkshire,' Dr. G. Hidsh Archaelockical Association, S. "North Creake, Norfolk, British Archaelockical Association, S. "North Creake, Norfolk, British Archaelo Churches,' Mr. C. H. Compton, 'The Rose of Provence and Lilies of France in a Vision of Lincoln,' Mr. T. Moyal Academy, 4.—'Chemistry,' Mr. A. H. Church,

- Provence and Server Morgan, Opal Academy, 4.—'Chemistry,' Mr. A. H. Church, oyal, 4g., adon Institution, 7.—'Early Italian Cantatas,' Mr. C. H. H. London institution, 7.— Early Italian Cantatas, Mr. C. H. H. Parry, ... External Antonical Characters indicating Sex In Chrysalids, and Development of the Azygon Oviduct and its Accessory Organs in Venessa 60, Prof. W. H. Jackson; 'Anatomy of Lepidoptera,' Mr. B. B. Poulton; 'Lepidoptera of Ichang, North China,' Mr. J. H. Leech, Historical, § — De Libertat; the Story of the Submission of the City of Marsellies to Henry of Navarre, Mr. A. L. Liberty.

Science Cossip.

THE medals of the Royal Society have been awarded this year as follows: the Copley Medal to the Rev. Dr. Salmon, a Royal Medal to Dr. W. H. Gaskell, a Royal Medal to Prof. Thorpe, and the Davy Medal to Dr. W. H. Perkin. Intimation of the Queen's approval of the award of the Royal Medals was received at the Royal Society last week.

A PROJECT is on foot having for its object the erection of a memorial in Manchester of the late Dr. J. P. Joule, and we understand that a requisition will be presented to the Mayor asking him to convene a public meeting to discuss the subject.

THE monograph on the Soothsayer insects (Mantidæ), so long announced for publication by Prof. Westwood, will be published, in folio, with fourteen plates, before Christmas.

THE Oxford Magazine announces the death of Mr. George Gamble, formerly Lecturer on Mathematics at Lincoln and Merton Colleges, Oxford, and known by his papers on physical geography and meteorology.

CORRESPONDENT writes :-

"I received a letter to-day from two foreign naturalists whose English is intelligible and sometimes amusing. They both sign this present letter, and they subscribe themselves 'Your very trulies.' This is a new gem, and one quite too good to keep to oneself."

FINE ARTS

ARTS and CRAFTS EXHIBITION SOCIETY, the New Gallery, Regent Street,—SECOND EXHIBITION NOW OPEN, 10 to 6.—Ad-mission. 15 ion, 1s. WALTER CRANE, President; ERNEST RADFORD, Secretary.

THE ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETIES.

THE Archeological Journal, No. 182, contains in 'Bamburgh Castle' another of Mr. G. T. Clark's descriptions of the great fortresses of England. Although the history is not enriched with many incidental and personal details, or romantic episodes such as give charms to many castles, it is an instructive record. Dating from the sixth century, Bamburgh is one of the oldest fortifications in Britain after those probably Celtic castles, such as St. David's Head, Pembrokeshire, and the Gurnard's Head, Cornwall, which, while they retain to this day their primitive defences, have never been occupied by walls and towers of a more advanced type. later records are decidedly curious, and would supply more details than Mr. Clark has collected concerning its maintenance, garrisons, and arming. At last Crewe, Bishop of Durham, founded a beneficent trust, which, unique in such a situation, still remains unperverted from the intention of the founder and the guardianship of the Crewe trustees. Precentor Venables describes the violation, which was, of course, "quite accidental," of the tomb of Bishop Oliver Sutton in Lincoln Minster, which resulted in disturbing the bones of a good man whose rest was un-broken for nearly six hundred years, and the addition to the museum of the Chapter of an interesting original chalice, resembling that which came from Berwick St. James, Wiltshire. This relic was found with its paten and authentic linen cover; the latter fell to pieces when touched by the air. The prelate's ring has shared the fate of the chalice; it is of twenty-two carats fine gold, and encloses a large piece of rock crystal, which doubtless has a history of peculiar sanctity. Mr. Bain writes on the Castle of Fougères. The Hon. H Dillon contributes a short account of pasguards and volant pieces of armour. Mr. André gives some curious notes on ritualistic ecclesiology of Norfolk, and Mr. Lovell is interesting on Banbury Cross and the "fanatics" of Banbury Town, but he has forgotten the poem of Cleveland which described what happened to Col. Lunsford ("Bloody Tom Lunsford"), who the Puritans were sarcastically invited to believe was a cannibal, thus:—

The post that came from Banbury
Riding in a blue rocket,
He swore he saw, when Lunsford fell,
A child's arm in his pocket.

The colonel was in 1642 represented in a certain satirical print as "feeding upon a child in steaks."
Mr. A. Hartshorne is to be thanked for his sympathetic and scholarly paper on effigies in Coberley Church, in which he comments with energy on the shameless violence and gross ignor-ance of "restorers," who invariably displace, if they do not destroy, the sepulchral memorials in churches hapless enough to fall into their clutches.

THE Journal of the Chester Archeological and Historic Society (New Series, Vol. II.) consists chiefly of the papers collected in Mr. Earwaker's volume on 'Recent Discoveries of Roman Remains at Chester,' which coveries of Roman Remains at Chester, which has already been noticed in the Athenœum. The additional papers are one by Mr. Earwaker on 'The Ancient Parish Books of the Church of St. Mary-on-the-Hill,' and another by Mr. Henry Taylor, entitled 'Notes upon some Early Deeds relating to Chester and Flint.' The latter is accompanied by a well-executed facing in the deed of about the wear 1999 and to a deed of about the wear 1999 and to simile of a deed of about the year 1288, and by some drawings of seals. Mr. Taylor points out that the form in which the Chester deeds from the thirteenth to the fifteenth century are drawn up is very nearly the same as that which, for the sake of brevity, has been introduced by the new Conveyancing Acts. He also remarks on

the serious loss occasioned to archeology and local history by the careless destruction of old deeds, and invites all who possess documents of this kind which are of no value to themselves to send them to the society for preservation in its museum. It would be well if local archeological societies generally throughout the kingdom would issue a similar appeal to residents in their own districts. Mr. Earwaker's paper is of considerable interest. The church of St. Maryon-the-Hill being close to the castle, its churchyard was the usual burial-place for those who were executed or died in prison. The registers extend from 1628, and the churchwarden's accounts from 1536, and both series of documents include many important entries relating to the period of the civil wars. From the specimens given it seems not unlikely that these records would be worth printing in full.

Transactions of the Essex Archæological Society. Vol. III. Part IV. New Series. (Colchester, Wiles & Son.)—The Essex Archeological Society (Colchester, is an active body which has accomplished much good work within the limited area to which its attention is directed. On several previous occasions it has been our duty to praise the Transactions: the number before us has, however, not much merit. The papers are, several of them, too short. Strongly as we object to "padding, we must point out that there is an equal objection to the other extreme of undue conciseness. By far the best paper is one by Mr. Horace Round, entitled 'Who was Alice of Essex?' We think the writer has made out his case, but early Norman pedigrees are extremely difficult to settle in a manner that gives absolute certainty. We shall be surprised, however, if Mr. Round's conclusions are disproved. The Rev. G. E. Symonds writes a paper on the Cutlers' Guild at Thaxted, and Mr. H. W. King contributes some interest-ing old wills. Mr. Henry Laver furnishes two engravings of Roman coffins of lead found at One of these has two crosses on the Colchester. lid. Can it have contained the body of a Roman Christian? The cross is so simple an ornament that it has been used decoratively almost everywhere.

EXHIBITION OF STUDIES IN VARIOUS MEDIUMS.

An exhibition was opened to the publicon Monday last which, within its limits, should prove hardly less attractive to connoisseurs than those noble collections of drawings by old masters that, in 1878 and 1879, began the series of Winter Exhibitions at the Grosvenor Gallery, for which we are indebted to Sir Coutts Lindsay and his assistants. During the ten years that have intervened, no series of drawings made in preparation for pic-tures by artists of note has been brought together equal to that now to be seen at the rooms of the Fine-Art Society. It is essentially a students' exhibition, and ought to excite not only the admiration, but the emulation of artists at large, and effectually promote those serious studies which nowadays very much need to be promoted. The collection is not likely to be, in the lower sense of that term, very "popular," despite the beauty of many of the heads, figures, and draperies which Sir F. Leighton, Mr. Alma Tadema, Mr. E. Burne Jones, Sir J. Linton, Mr. Poynter, and others have contributed. There are several landscapes by M. Legros, some capital genre designs in black and white by Mr. G. D. Leslie and Mr. F. Dadd, and fine decorative instances by Mr. Watts, Mr. W. Crane, and Mr. A. Moore.

The works being arranged in groups on the walls, we are able to mention first some beautiful contributions by Mr. W. B. Richmond, who is responsible for Nos. 1 to 10. No. 1 is a capital likeness, finely drawn in pencil, of Viscount Sherbrooke, full of character and spirit, and free from that sort of caricature which often crops out in likenesses of this statesman. The drapery Studies for the 'Song of Miriam' (3), two women dancing with a child held aloft between them, are

decidedly choice in style, and indicate in the way of an old master the texture, substance, and surface of the well-studied folds. The central figure in frame 6, Studies for the 'Procession in Honour of Bacchus,' which is slightly reminiscent of Sir F. Leighton, is very fine in a noble classic type of style. The Study for a Head of an Archon (8) is first rate.—We come next to Mr. Burne Jones's contributions, Nos. 12 to 28, nearly all of which are charmingly graceful. The Drapery (12) is broad, statuesque, and simple. No. 13, Floral Study, lilies exquisitely drawn, reminds us of Da Vinci in his best mood. No. 18 brings us to that pure type of the Renaissance which the artist has always affected. It is one of numerous studies for the 'Golden Stairs,' that famous picture of maidens clad in white descending a staircase. Studies of Angels' Heads (20), made for the picture of the 'Resurrection,' share the same noble and beautiful ideal; one of them suffers materially because the eyes are out of drawing. The charm Spenser desired for his "fair witch," at once ardent, pure, and mystical, is to be recognized in the very lovely and original Study of a Head (23) of a beautiful maiden. An uncatalogued drawing on brown paper of the head of a saint with a nimbus, by Mr. Burne Jones, is in Botticelli's mood, and almost worthy of that master.

Next to these we come to a group of designs in black and white by Mr. F. Dadd, being original studies for pictures, showing the composition, light and shade, expressions, &c., of many fine dramatic inventions of a de cidedly masculine and accomplished kind. The more remarkable are Original Study for 'All is not Gold that Glitters' (30), and Study of Candlelight Effect (34).—Mr. W. Crane is not a very prominent contributor, but his initial letters, page decorations, vignettes, and head and tail pieces intended for the Illustrations of Grimm's Household Stories,' Nos. 36 and 37, a number of designs in two large frames, are drawn with perfect firmness, intense spirit, and vigour such as few moderns have attained to.—Mr. Legros's contributions extend from No. 38 to No. 66 inclusive. Among them are several learned and pathetic designs, chiefly conspicuous among which are the landscapes, Twilight on the River (46), a soft autumnal effect on a brimming stream ; Hillside Farm (47); and A Glade in the Forest (58), a view of ragged scrub and trees in an effect the sad serenity of which appeals to the visitor with unusual force, and could hardly be more poetic. Several nude studies from the life are not admirable from that academical point of view which insists on pure forms and learned draughtsmanship. The Portrait of Mr. F. L. Slinger (51) is a good head well drawn. The Study of a Head (48) is marked by character and feeling of a Head (48) is marked by character and feeling of a high kind.—Mr. G. D. Leslie's drawings, Nos. 67, 68, 70, and 71, present his charming delineations of healthy English girls in all the freshness of inception. Study for the 'Cowslip Gatherer' (71) is "fresh as English air could make her": while Study for the Picture of make her"; while Study for the Picture of 'Pot Pourri' (74), a buxom maiden pounding spices in a mortar, is delightful. The Study (70), a damsel in a balcony, is first rate.

Sir F. Leighton's contributions, only a few out of the mass he has accumulated, prove at once his technical skill in drawing outlines as pure as they are elaborate, and his lifelong industry. They extend from No. 70 to No. 106, and cover nearly the whole of his career, from the Venetian Well (83) of 1852—which is as fine and thorough as a line engraving, and is marked by exquisite delineation beyond the skill of most engravers—to No. 85, Study for 'The Captive Andromache' of 1888. No. 79, Study, gives us a very learned head of a man. No. 85, as above, a beautiful piece of drapery of a figure with a fan, reminds us of the famous drawing by Da Vinci which is in the Louvre, so searching, solid, and sculpturesque are its forms and execution. No. 94 belongs to

the figure of the Sibyl, seated, with her knees closely knit together. — Mr. Watts's finest drawings are 107, Study, dated 1858, and 108, Portrait.—In Mr. A. Moore's No. 110, A Collector of Shells walks with a bowl in her hand, and is remarkable for the fine Phidian type of her draperies and the noble grace of her air and attitude. A Dressing Room (111) is a beautiful figure seated, half draped, and binding a fillet round her head.—Mr. Alma Tadema's works extend from No. 113 to No. 118. The visitor will enjoy the morbidezza of the seated nudity, Study for a Female Figure. No. 114, Study, belongs to the fine 'Dedication to Bacchus' which we lately admired. It is an ivy-crowned head of a beautiful matron, and chiefly to be praised for its solid work. and chiefly to be praised for its solid work-manship, thorough modelling, and animated expression. No. 117, Study for a Female Figure in 'An Apodyterium,' is a nudity, exqui-sitely drawn and finely finished. It represents the damsel in the foreground of the picture tying on one of her sandals. It is a lovely piece of draughtsmanship from the life. Other specimens of Mr. Tadema's art belong to the 'Roses of Heliogabalus' and his portraits.
—Sir J. Linton's Study for a Female Figure (122), a back view of a nudity dancing, is nost graceful, deftly drawn, and original.

—Mr. W. E. F. Britten's Portrait Study (124), the head of a woman, evinces real insight into character and solid knowledge.— Mr. F. Dicksee's Study for the Head of an Old Woman (131) is very good indeed.—Mr. Poynter has contributed the drawings numbered from 132 to 162, all of which are learned, solid, sober, and sincere, and thoroughly good as art. The most to 102, all or which are learned, solid, soler, and sincere, and thoroughly good as art. The most interesting are the profile of A Head (137); Study of Armour for St. George, the mosaic at Westminster (141); Portrait (146); Study of a Young Girl (147); Portrait (153), and Portion of the study of the stu trait of a young girl (160).

Sine-Art Cossip.

THE approaching exhibition of the Society of Painters in Water Colours will comprise a number of the early drawings of the late Mr. Frederick Tayler, of a kind likely to surprise those who know only the works of his age.

THE collection of works of reference, catalogues, and the stock of prints and drawings lately belonging to Mr. A. W. Thibaudeau, will be sold by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge on the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th prox., comprising in all 1,194 lots.

On Monday next Messrs. Agnew & Sons will open to the public in Old Bond Street an exhibition of water-colour drawings by Sir J. Linton and Mr. J. Orrock.

Mr. Mendoza has opened a collection of pictures in black and white at his gallery in King Street, St. James's.

"F." writes :-

"There is in College Hill, Cannon Street, a fine old house to which both a real historical interest is attached, inasmuch as it belonged to the 'Zimri' Duke of Buckingham and was sometimes inhabited by him, and a spurious interest through its being partly the scene of Dickens's 'No Thoroughfare.' But, besides that, it is in itself architecturally interesting. Peter Cunningham says, 'Part of the courtyard still exists,' from which it may be inferred that he did not think that the house itself was in being; but I make no doubt that the house now there is the identical house, to which opinion I am guided principally by the staircase, which is a good specimen of the period. It is in reference to this staircase that I write to you. It seems almost incredible, but I am informed by one of the occupants of the house that the staircase is about to be demolished in order to get a little more chamber accommodation. Will you not in your columns make some appeal in the hope of preventing so cruel a proceeding? I may add that the house in question has been converted into two, and it is more particularly of the portion numbered 21 that I am speaking. The courtyard, likewise divided, is entered by two very fine archways, decorated with florid sculpture, and retaining apparently the original doors. The

church almost adjoining is Wren's, and this house looks very much like his and the carving like Gibbons's."

MUSIC

THE WEEK.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—Saturday Concerts. ALBERT HALL.—Royal Choral Society.

By placing a novelty at the end of a Crystal Palace programme Mr. Manns effectually shields it from criticism, as was the case last Saturday, when Lalo's Rhapsody in A and D minor was performed for the first time. According to the description furnished the piece is an adaptation of a 'Fantaisie Norvégienne' for violin and orchestra, the changes being confined to the second movement, which has been entirely rewritten. From the quotations given it would seem that the scoring is bright and piquant, and it is stated that "in spite of its somewhat lavish expenditure of musical material, the Rhapsody has plenty of coherence as well as increasing variety," whatever that may mean. Although Madame Anna Falk-Mehlig had not appeared for nearly three years, her style cannot fail to be remembered by musicians, and it will, therefore, suffice to record that the purity and refinement of her method and execution were fully displayed in Beethoven's E flat Concerto. The principal orchestral works in the programme were Goetz's delightful Symphony in F, and the Overture to Berlioz's 'Benvenuto Cellini,' both of which received ample justice. Madame Nordica introduced a scena from Marschner's opera 'Hans Heiling,' which is still frequently played in Germany. It is a showy and effective piece, strongly reminiscent of Weber.

Prof. Stanford's ballad 'The Voyage of Maeldune' and Dr. Hubert Parry's 'St. Cecilia's Day' were placed in juxtaposition at the Albert Hall on Wednesday night, and a better opportunity for comparing the merits of the two works was thus offered than was the case at Leeds. That both are in every respect worthy of their composers must be repeated with emphasis, and we also desire to confirm the opinion previously expressed, that in 'The Voyage of Maeldune' Prof. Stanford has surpassed himself. Some of the musical pictures he presents are exquisite, and full of the most felicitous turns of expression. To say that the chorus of witches is worthy to compare with that of the "Blumenmädchen" in 'Parsifal,' which may possibly have suggested it, is to award it the highest praise in our power. Almost equally remarkable is the extremely polished musicianship from first to last. It is an example of the perfect application of means to an end, and that without a suggestion of labour. It is advisable to draw attention to this feature, because Prof. Stanford's music is not invariably marked by spontaneity. Now, however, he has produced a masterpiece which should become known wherever choral music is practised. Dr. Parry's work is of a somewhat different calibre. It lacks the delicate fancy so noteworthy in the companion score, but, on the other hand, it is distinguished by breadth of outline and a certain heartiness which perhaps may be regarded as characteristic of the best school of English music. Not that there is any want of deep expression

where it is needed, as, for example, in the Orpheus episode. In commending both works to the attention of choral societies it should be noted that 'The Voyage of Maeldune' makes greater demands on choral and orchestral performers than 'St. Cecilia's Day, and should not be attempted unless a large number of rehearsals are practicable. This necessity was illustrated on Wednesday night, the performance of the latter work being far nearer perfection than that of the former, though both were highly praiseworthy. The choir sang with its accustomed refinement, and only at times showed that it had not quite familiarized itself with the music. The reception by a large audience was highly flattering, both composers, who directed in person, receiving hearty recalls. Miss Macintyre and Mr. Lloyd gave the utmost effect to their share of the music, and Madame Belle Cole and Mr. Brereton were satisfactory in less important duties.

Musical Cossip.

THE programme of last Saturday's Popular Concert included a repetition performance of Dvorak's Quartet in E, Op. 80; Beethoven's Sonata in E minor, Op. 90; the same composer's Variations on "Ich bin der Schneider Kakadu": and Schumann's Sonata in a minor for piano and violin, Op. 105. Sir Charles Halle was the pianist and Miss Liza Lehmann the vocalist.

On Monday the scheme was headed by Dvorak's beautiful and original Pianoforte Quintet in A, Op. 81, of which we spoke warmly when it was first performed at these concerts a year ago (Athen. No. 3188). It is throughout in the Bohemian composer's most characteristic style, and there is not a suspicion of labour in any of the movements. The energy and vivacity of the scherzo (furiant) and the finate have seldom, if ever, been surpassed. The other concerted works were Brahms's Sonata in A, Op. 100, and three of Heller and Ernst's 'Pensées Fugitives,' for piano and violin, the executants being Madame Néruda and Sir Charles Halle. The manner in which the last-named artist rendered Beethoven's Thirty-two Variations in c minor may be readily imagined. Miss Marguerite Hall showed by her interpretation of songs by Grieg and Goring Thomas that she is still making progress as a

THE Musical Guild gave its first concert for the season at the Kensington Town Hall on Tuesday evening, the principal items in the programme being Spohr's Double Quartet in minor, Op. 87; Dr. Hubert Parry's Partita in D minor for piano and violin; and Brahms's Quartet in A, Op. 26. The performances by the ex-pupils of the Royal College of Music were exceedingly creditable.

On the same evening Miss Mathilde Wurm gave a concert at Princes' Hall, her programme including Brahms's Sonata in A for violin, Op. 100, and Beethoven's Thirty-two Variations in c minor for pianoforte. The young pianist was assisted by Miss Liza Leh-mann, Mr. Holländer, and Miss Alice Wurm.

THE programme of Sir Charles Halle's concert in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on Thursday this week, included Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique; a Pianoforte Concerto in A minor, Op. 131, by Benjamin Godard (for the first time), and some pianoforte solos by Liszt and Moszkowski, also for the first time.

WE are glad to learn that Berlioz's sacred asterpiece 'L'Enfance du Christ' will be masterpiece performed by the scholars and professors of the Royal College of Music shortly before Christmas. The neglect of this charming work by choral societies is almost inexplicable.

MR. J. F. BARNETT'S cantata 'Paradise and

the Peri,' produced at the Birmingham Festival of 1870, was sold on the 8th inst. by Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, and will now be published by Messrs. Novello, Ewer & Co.

According to Le Ménestrel a sale of autographs is about to take place in Berlin, in which is included the manuscript of a piece for pianoforte by Wagner, entitled Polonia-Ouverture.' On the last page of the piece the composer has written a melody upon the lines of Béranger commencing:—

Adleu, charmant pays de France, Que je dois tant chérir!

This is possibly the Polonaise in D for four hands, published in 1832 by Breitkopf & Härtel as Op. 2.

THE début as an operatic artist of Fraulein Marie Linder, daughter of Herr Joachim, which we announced some time since, has taken place at Elberfeld with much success. The character in which she appeared was Elsa, and she is now studying the part of Sieglinde.

THERE are in Italy at the present time 170 theatres open to the public, of which 49 are devoted solely or mainly to opera. The proportion of the latter to the total number is large, but the performances at the majority of the lyric theatres would not be tolerated even in provincial towns in this country.

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NOTES FROM ATHENS.

THE performance of the 'Persæ' of Æschylus on the 31st of October in the Θέατρον τοῦ δήμου at Athens is an event of considerable interest. The play was given by amateurs on the occasion of the royal marriage; and very great care had evidently been given to the scenery, the dresses, and the rehearsal of the music, especially written for the occasion by Prince Bernard of Saxe-Meiningen. The text adopted was that of M. Rangabé's translation, which gives the original only slightly modernized in diction, but altered so as to scan in the metres of the original by accent instead of by quantity-a great improvement if the modern Greek pronunciation be used; the 'Antigone' last year, when given ac-cording to the ancient text and the modern pronunciation, might as well have been in prose.

The scene remains unchanged throughout; the curtain was twice allowed to drop in order to give some rest to the performers. Facing the audience is the excellently designed front of the Persian palace. In front of the door, which is surmounted by an Oriental cornice, the sides sloping out towards the bottom, is an open portice; it is supported by two columns resting on bell-shaped bases, and surmounted by the well-known capitals of Persepolis, with the front half of two bulls kneeling back to back, and on the anta at each side is a winged man-headed bull. The architecture is picked out with red and blue, and a frieze of lions over the columns and a border of Oriental lotus and palmetto above the door give a rich decorative effect to the whole. To the left of the spectator is the tomb of Darius, a small and severe structure, but with architectural features in keeping with the palace; its front is occupied by a door, through which the ghost enters. Near the middle of the stage is an altar, doubtless representing the thymele of the Attic orchestra. chorus have no separate stage, but stand at the sides during the action; they thus take part in

it naturally, but the effect cannot, of course, be the same as in a large circular orchestra, when actors and chorus are all crowded together on the comparatively limited space of a modern stage. At the same time it must be acknowstage. ledged that, even with this drawback, the effect of the whole action is greatly improved by the absence of any barrier between actors chorus. It is now pretty generally acknowledged that when the masterpieces of the Attic drama were first produced no such barrier existed; and those who have seen the performances of Greek plays in England, where the actors' stage was raised about three feet above that of the chorus, will remember that this conventionality tended to destroy the artistic illusion.

On a modern stage it need hardly be said that no attempt was made to preserve the conventionalities of the classical stage costume. The dresses were purely Persian, as inferred from descriptions and monuments; and the richness of colour and ornament, especially in the men's costumes, produced a very fine effect upon the stage. The dresses of the Persian elders, of the attendants, and of the dead and the living king, were well designed; but a grand opportunity was lost in not bringing on to the stage some archers of the guard, in the gorgeous costume they wear in the reliefs discovered by M. Dieulafoy at Susa. The dresses of the queen and her attendants had evidently, as is often the case among amateur actors, been left more to individual taste, and the result was an introduction of French millinery that clashed with the Oriental costumes of the men; still, in the headdress and other details, some attempt at historical accuracy could be seen.

The performance of the actors was in all cases creditable, and showed careful study and rehearsal, though no genius was displayed. might be expected from modern Greek actors, there was plenty of facility and ease of gesture, but a lack of passion and dignity. The chorus deserve higher praise; they not only acted throughout the play, but sang with an accuracy and excellence of tone that contrasted pleasantly with the harsh strains of the 'Antigone' last year. The music, which was written for solos, chorus, and a small, but complete orchestra, including a harp, was appropriate and well con-structed throughout; the most impressive parts were the invocation of the ghost, and the in alternation between Xerxes, the two soloists, and the chorus. It was throughout modern in character, and no attempts at archaism or local colouring could be noticed, except, perhaps, in the extensive use of the harp.

The 'Persæ' is not a play of much dramatic action or interest; and however thrilling when represented before spectators who had them-selves fought at Salamis and Platæa, it could hardly be expected to raise the same enthusiasm in a modern audience, of whom but few probably could follow the semi-classical dialogue. Even the magnificent description of the battle of Salamis is better read at home, unless the reciter possess consummate skill. The end of the play, as given, was greatly marred by the return of Atossa to comfort Xerxes, and even replace his torn robes and restore his tiara, while the chorus end with an encouraging strain. Surely it is rash thus to improve Æschylus, who ends the play with the chorus tearing their hair and beating their breasts, and their very last words are $\pi \epsilon \mu \psi \omega$ $\tau o \epsilon \delta v \sigma \theta \rho \delta o \epsilon s$, and though Atossa bids them to comfort Xerxes on his return, it is but little comfort they give him, and she does not return to welcome him herself on the stage. An Athenian audience could hardly be expected to show so much charity as to mitigate the mourning and despair at the to mitigate the mourning and despair at the return of the king who presumptuously attempted to enslave the Athenians. And if the end be thus altered, the whole effect of the play is destroyed. But in spite of this mistake, the rendering of the play sufficed to give a good notion of its dramatic capabilities. As an ex-

periment the revival of the 'Persæ' was very interesting; but the result was hardly such as to encourage a repetition of the play in Greece or in England. E. A. G.

Bramatic Cossip.

It is stated that the Augustin Daly Company will revisit London next year and take posses-sion of the Lyceum at the close of Mr. Irving's season in June. If, as has been conjectured, Miss Ada Rehan will play Rosalind in 'As You Like It,' much interest will be stirred. Beatrice in 'Much Ado about Nothing' seems more easily within the range of the actress, but we are as yet in no position to judge of the extent of Miss Rehan's capacities.

'LA LUTTE POUR LA VIE,' the probable production of which in London by the Gymnase company was last week announced, is, it is said, to be first seen in English. Arrangements are being made with a view to its immediate adaptation to the English stage.

'As You LIKE IT' is, it appears, to be Mrs. Langtry's first important production at the St. James's Theatre. We read that Mrs. Langtry will then make her first appearance in London as Rosalind. Surely, however, Mrs. Langtry took the character at the Imperial in September,

A FAIRY extravaganza by Mr. A. Nelson, entitled 'Snow White,' to be played by children, but in which Mr. Edouin will appear as a brownie, is promised for Christmas at the Strand Theatre.

Miss Gerteude Kingston, who has recovered from her severe accident, will reappear on the stage on the 28th inst. in a piece called 'The Jackal,' in which she will be supported by Mr. Arthur Williams.

Mr. Pinero's views upon any subject con-nected with the stage are entitled to respect. hetred with the stage are entitled to respect. His fears, however, concerning the commerce between the theatre and the music-hall are visionary. This is, as he says, "no new movement." It has, he holds, "been insidiously developing for many years," and recognition by legal measures "would consolidate, not create it." In this the only word to be objected to is it." In this the only word to be objected to is "insidiously." So far as we can see the theatre has boldly and openly plundered the music-hall which is now its favourite recruiting ground. The best "artistes," as with some idiotic view of dissociating them from artists they are ordinarily called, appear on the stage either in "variety or in pantomime, and end by entertainments" becoming actors. There is, however, little "give and take" on the part of the theatre; it is all take. Permission to speak a few words on the music hall stage will be granted, and the theatres will not be "one penny the worse." Farce will be sandwiched "between the dance and the ditty," and something will then be done to keep alive a form of dramatic art that is falling into disuse. One thing at least is certain-the London managers are under no apprehension as to any newly developed rivalry between the musichall and the stage.

In consequence of the indisposition of Miss Loie Fuller the Globe Theatre closed unex-pectedly on Monday night. Due announcement of its reopening is to be made.

'STOP THIEF!' a three-act farce by Mr. Mark Melford, produced on Thursday afternoon at the Strand, is a thin and commonplace piece. Some clever acting by the author all but prevailed against the want of preparedness generally shown.

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